

## Christian business group distributes Bibles

• Gideons hand out the New Testament as Shaker students and staff walk to school

By Meghan Dubyak and Allison Pollock

News co-editor and co-editor in chief

Would you like a copy of the New Testament? Last week many students and teachers were approached by members of Gideon, a group of Christian businessmen, who distribute copies of this religious text.

The business card of the Gideons de-

scribes the group as a "Christian business and professional men's association distributing God's holy word and winning others for Christ."

Myron J. Bieber, president of a local Gideon camp in southeast Ohio, said that Shaker was chosen as a site to pass out Bibles because of the large number of students who walked to school.

"Shaker has a lot of foot traffic. We hope by doing this we will acquaint people with the Bible," Bieber said.

Reactions from students and teachers were mixed.

"It was inappropriate for them to hand out Bibles so close to the school," junior Alex Bentayou said.

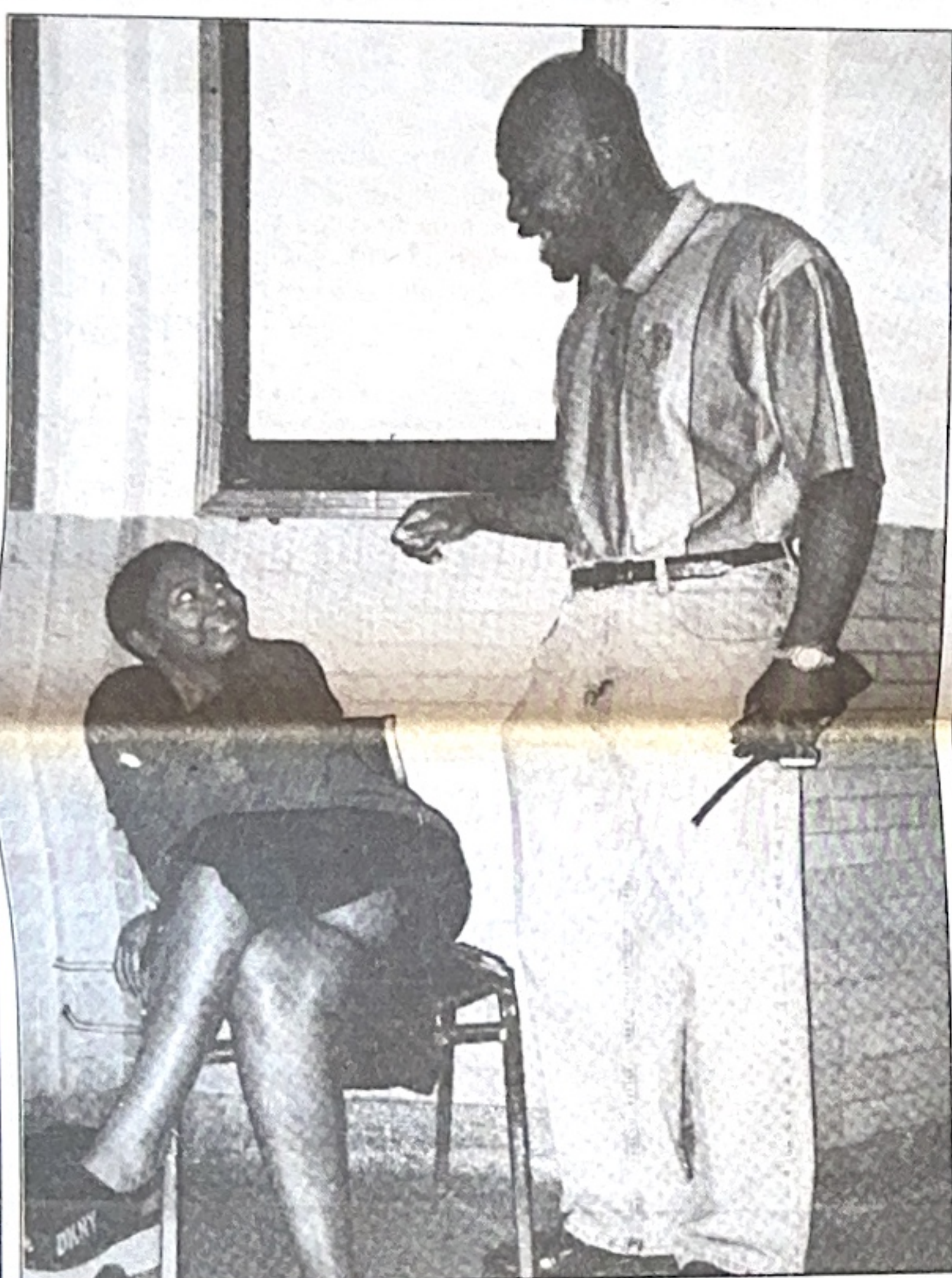
Others felt the distribution had a posi-

tive effect that promoted peace and rejected the violence that occurs in schools today.

"I think it was good. With all the shooting going on in schools, it sends out a message that violence is not OK," sophomore Cicely Morgan said.

The actions of this group are legal be-  
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## IN THE KNICK OF TIME



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Sedrick Toney speaks to a student on one of his final days at Shaker. Toney, who played eight years in the NBA, returned to basketball Nov. 5 when he left to become director of player personnel for the New York Knicks.

## Toney returns to the NBA

By Jon Heller and Zach Weil

Web Page editors

It would be a surprise to run into a former NBA player while walking down the halls of the high school. But school

security guard Sedrick Toney, who played in the NBA for eight years before coming to Shaker, is an exception.

Toney, 37, was recently hired as the director of player per-

sonnel for the New York Knicks after serving Shaker as a security guard for five years. Toney ended his tenure at Shaker on Friday, Nov. 5th and started his

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## Motown dancers revel in nostalgia

By Meghan Dubyak

News co-editor

The first annual Motown Dance was held Nov. 12 to raise scholarship program money and to remember Dr. A. Jack Rumbaugh.

The dance, with 300-350 attendees, featured a live band, FM 105.7 DJ Billy Bass, dance contest and food donated by local businesses. The event raised close to \$7000.

The idea for a Motown dance was conceived by PTO co-president and close friend of Rumbaugh, Chris Williams. Williams thought that the diverse nature of the

music would lend itself well to Shaker's community.

"Motown music crossed race and spoke to a whole lot of people," Williams said. "I always thought it would be fun to use Motown music in a city like Shaker with such a diverse population."

Attendees' responses to the dance were positive.

"It was a very festive event," senior band member Tara Davis said.

"They should have dances like that for high school students," senior volunteer Yanna Weisberg said.



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FM 105.7 DJ, Billy Bass performs at the Motown Dance, held to fund scholarships and honor Dr. A. Jack Rumbaugh.

## Shaker junior IDs plants with ease

• Natalie Morse excels in horticultural studies with Mayfield team

By Allison Pollock

Co-editor in chief

Maple, oak, sassafras or sycamore?

Not all students at the high school can tell the difference, but junior Natalie Morse definitely can.

This fall, Morse traveled to Florida to participate in the National Junior Horticulture Society Competition.

Morse and her Mayfield Horticulture Association team placed third in Identifying and seventh in another category.

Horticulture, according to Webster's Dictionary, is "the art or science of growing flowers, fruits, vegetables and shrubs, especially in gardens or orchards."

This is the first time that Morse has been involved in a two-year program, which means that

she will attend another similar contest next year in a different city.

"This is just a challenge," said Morse, who is also involved with both the Shaker Youth Center and Jack and Jill, a social program for African-American youth. "I don't know if I want to do this all my life."

Morse works with the Association every day for two hours.

The Mayfield Horticulture Association is made up of students from the surrounding area, including communities such as Mayfield, Cleveland Heights and Chagrin Falls.



Natalie Morse

## North Gym will be ready Dec. 8

• New gym to be inaugurated with women's basketball game

By Karen Jenks

News co-editor

Shaker's new gym and music facilities will open close to the predicted schedule and will be available for the first women's basketball game Dec. 8 against Cleveland Heights.

"It's right on schedule," said Dana

Mitchell, project architect for the new gym. "The gym will open within a week or two of what we predicted."

The predicted deadline had the gym ready for the first scheduled men's basketball game Dec. 3 against Garfield Heights, but due to the nature of construction the prediction was

only correct within a few weeks. As a result, the gym will open a week later than the projected date.

As of publication, the bleachers still need to be installed, and the floor sanded, stained and painted. Students and teachers alike are anticipating the unveiling of the gym.

"I want to go to all the games in the new

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## STUDENTS MAKE DOUGH AT PANERA

Seniors Sarah Kangas and Emily Stear work at Panera in Shaker Plaza, which serves up money-making opportunities for several students. Here Kangas and Stear prepare food behind the counter.



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Shaker police officers arrested two high school students last month for illegal possession of drugs. The students were not immediately expelled for the offense, but will be judged depending on the severity of the case.

## Shaker athletes arrested for drug possession

By Jennifer Broadbent and Joseph Tartakoff  
Staff reporters

Police arrested two male Shaker athletes for possession of illegal drugs on school grounds during the month of October.

There did not seem to be a connection in the two cases.

Shaker Chief of Police Walter Ugrinic said that the arrests were made after school when security officers observed what they believed to be an illegal drug transaction.

Ugrinic said that the police's goal is not to put kids in jail, but rather to get them help.

"Our goal is to work with students and turn them around. You are the leadership of the future," Ugrinic said.

Both arrests involved marijuana.

Shaker's drug policy states that any student caught possessing, using, selling, concealing or

transmitting an illegal drug is subject to the school's authority and may be suspended or expelled depending on the severity of the case.

Sophomore Paris Johnson was surprised

that students were not immediately expelled for having drugs on campus.

"Drugs shouldn't even be allowed in school," Johnson said. "I would make the rules stricter."

Any athlete found guilty of possessing illegal drugs cannot participate in practice or a contest for two weeks. If the student violates the athletic code again, the athlete is prohibited from playing sports for

the rest of the year.

"Schools have the responsibility to uphold the law. The consequences are more for athletes because playing on a team isn't a right, but a privilege," junior and basketball player

Jameson Evans said.

"You shouldn't play sports and do drugs. It's not worth the risk, and while doing a sport you don't want to jeopardize yourself and

your team," basketball player Christyn Paige said.

Athletic director Susan Brown said that she is surprised that there already have been two violations of the policy this year. She believes that the recent arrests will definitely impact

winter sports teams.

"It's positive because it shows that we follow through on our policy, it's negative because their absence, physically, will be felt," Brown said.

Nationwide drug use is increasing among teenagers. In 1991, 87 percent of high school sophomores said that they had used marijuana in the past month. By 1995 that number had increased to 172 percent, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

Senior hockey player Jimmy McFarlane thought that the penalty was too harsh, saying that drug users "aren't a danger to other students."

Many students believe athletes are treated differently than other students in terms of punishment.

Principal Jerry Mitchell dispelled these myths.

"Athletes and non-athletes are all handled the same way," he said.

**"Schools have the responsibility to uphold the law. The consequences are more for athletes because playing on a team isn't a right, but a privilege."**

**JAMISON EVANS**  
junior

### • Police officials find Bible distribution to be completely legal

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cause the representatives did not hand them out on school grounds. Some questioned this legality.

"Since separation of church and state is such a big issue, it's offensive to pass out New Testaments to those that don't believe in the Christian Bible," English teacher Ellen Kelly said.

Greg Daniels, litigation coordinator for the ACLU

of Ohio said that the legality of such an act depends on school involvement and the location of the group members.

He added that standing on a public sidewalk distributing Bibles is legal, but stepping on school grounds (even a school driveway or walkway) to distribute is a constitutional foul.

"As long as the school is not sponsoring it in any way, it's well within their



Gideons passed out small, orange Bibles on Nov. 17.

rights to do so as long as they are not on school grounds," Daniels said.

Many students expressed concern even

though the act was legal.

"If we allow Bibles to be passed out near school, it could lead to more drastic and controversial groups to voice their views," senior Whitney Karfeld said.

Gale pointed out that there are actions that police can take to prevent potentially dangerous situations.

"You couldn't pass out inflammatory things like how to make an atomic bomb," Gale said.

### • Students anticipate opening of gym

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gym," sophomore Eiana Claytor said. "It'll be a big improvement."

"It was really needed. I'm excited about the opening," sophomore and basketball player Dasan Robinson said.

The new gym is full-sized. It seats up to 1,500, and contains two full-sized courts for practice and a professional scoreboard.

The music room will be furnished with four sound-proof rehearsal units.

There will be a grand opening Dec. 14, complete with a school board meeting that will be held in the new gym.

The gym and music room construction cost around \$4 million.

### • Toney hired as director of player personnel

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new position in New York on the following Monday. He will be working for Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts, and will have responsibilities for scouting, the summer league camp, training

camp, the NBA draft and signing free agents. Aside from previously holding a scouting position for the Vancouver Grizzlies, Toney has had his share of the professional basketball experience.

Drafted out of the University of Dayton in 1985, Toney played for eight years as a point guard on the Atlanta Hawks, Phoenix Suns, New York Knicks and the Cleveland Cavaliers. After his last year of

## Seniors take home National Merit honors

Forty-nine Shaker students earned honors in the 1999-2000 National Merit and Achievement scholarship competitions. These students represent nearly 13 percent of Shaker's senior class. Nationally, 2 percent of high school seniors earned one or more of these awards. These awards have placed Shaker among the top Ohio schools.

The National Merit Scholarship Program was created 49 years ago to recognize the academic prowess of the nation's high school students. It also helps identify candidates for highly selective higher institution admission and provides scholarships. The National Achievement Program was created in 1964 to honor the nation's top African-American students. The Semifinalist and Commended Student honors are awarded based on performance in the PSAT/NMSQT usually taken in the student's junior year, and Semifinalists are eligible to continue to compete for National Merit and National Achievement scholarships. Shaker's National Merit, Achievement, Semifinalist and Commended scholars were honored at a school board meeting Nov. 17.

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Karen Jenkins

## Senior Slain wins Morehead Scholarship

Senior Jon Slain has recently won and accepted the Morehead Scholarship, an award that gives the recipient a full undergraduate scholarship covering four years of tuition and expenses to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This is the third consecutive year that Shaker students have won the award. Slain was judged in the areas of physical vigor, moral force of character, scholarship and leadership. "Ever since I have been a little kid I have wanted to go to Harvard," Slain said, "but this scholarship has caused me to do a lot of thinking. I feel that one can go to Harvard and get a UNC education or to UNC and get a Harvard education. And besides all that the weather in Chapel Hill couldn't be better." The scholarship was established in 1945 to draw promising leaders to UNC by John Motley Morehead III, a 1891 UNC graduate who died in 1965. More than 2200 Morehead scholars have attended UNC. Currently 229 Morehead scholars are studying on campus.

Karen Jenkins

## Healthy proposals slated for Centre

A fitness center is one of the proposed new components to the Shaker Towne Centre area. There may also be a city-run annual health fair and the city may establish school-based student-run health clinics. All of these proposals are preliminary, but have been made the top three priorities of the Shaker Wellness Council, a four-year-old establishment. The Shaker Wellness Council is an advisory arm of the city's health department. All three ideas will be investigated by the health department. Health Director Dr. Scott Frank said that the health fair will probably happen, "perhaps as soon as a year from now," according to *The Sun Press*. The Shaker health department is less certain about the clinics and fitness center, as they are investigating the possibility of using other locations. The council believes that the fitness center would work in the Centre because of its accessibility, and it would boost the Centre's sagging attendance and clientele.

Karen Jenkins

## Corrections

- These names were misspelled in the Sept. issue: Davina Aouira, Leone Latorres, Kira Muehrcke, Ericka Neal, Anne Robertson and Philip Wallach.
- Shaker athletic trainer Robert Collins was misquoted in the Sept. story regarding head injuries.
- Glenda Keenan was misidentified in the Motown Dance news brief in the October issue.

playing, Toney joined the high school security team.

"I felt that God wanted me to become a security guard. This job has allowed me to understand kids better, give them advice and see more into their lives," Toney said.

Although Toney enjoyed his job as a security guard at Shaker, he had been hoping for another opportunity with the NBA to arise.

"This is a gift from God.

I have been praying about an opportunity like this, and have been touching base with people in order to help my chances," he said.

There is no question that Toney's presence in the halls will be missed by staff and students alike.

"I wish him good luck, and I'll make sure he gets me front row seats next time I'm in New York!" said school security guard Matthew Tompkins.



# Wisham wins nurse of the year award

By Francesca Klein  
Staff reporter

Nurse Evelyn Wisham, who will retire after the 1999-2000 school year, was recently named the Ohio School Nurse of Year for 1999.

Wisham has been a school nurse in the Shaker Heights City School District for 20 years.

The press release about the award states: "Evelyn exemplifies what comprehensive school health is all about, because her skills are not confined to the clinic walls. She reaches out to her students, parents, colleagues and community not only with her knowledge of health care but with her heart."

Wisham appreciated the award and said that nursing "is a very fulfilling and rewarding profession."

Many students also

appreciate Nurse Wisham.

"She can really lift up your spirits and give you a smile even when you are at your worst," sophomore Mara Berger said.

"She knows what questions to ask to find out what is wrong with you. She is really nice and smart," freshman Carlie Rowlands said.

Wisham left her hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, to go to Lincoln School for Nursing in Bronx, New York. She graduated from Case Western Reserve school of nursing in June of 1961.

In September 1979

Wisham became the substitute nurse at the high school after being urged to apply by the principal, who knew her well through her active involvement in the Parent Teachers Association.

**"Nurse Wisham is a wonderful person: not only the best nurse in the state but she is the best nurse I have ever known."**

**JERILENE WARD**  
Accounting specialist

Wisham is a wonderful person: not only the best nurse in the state but she is the best nurse I have ever known," accounting specialist Jerilene Ward said. "She will be sorely missed."

Wisham fell in love with the high school and students during her six months and was given a permanent job the following year.

"Nurse

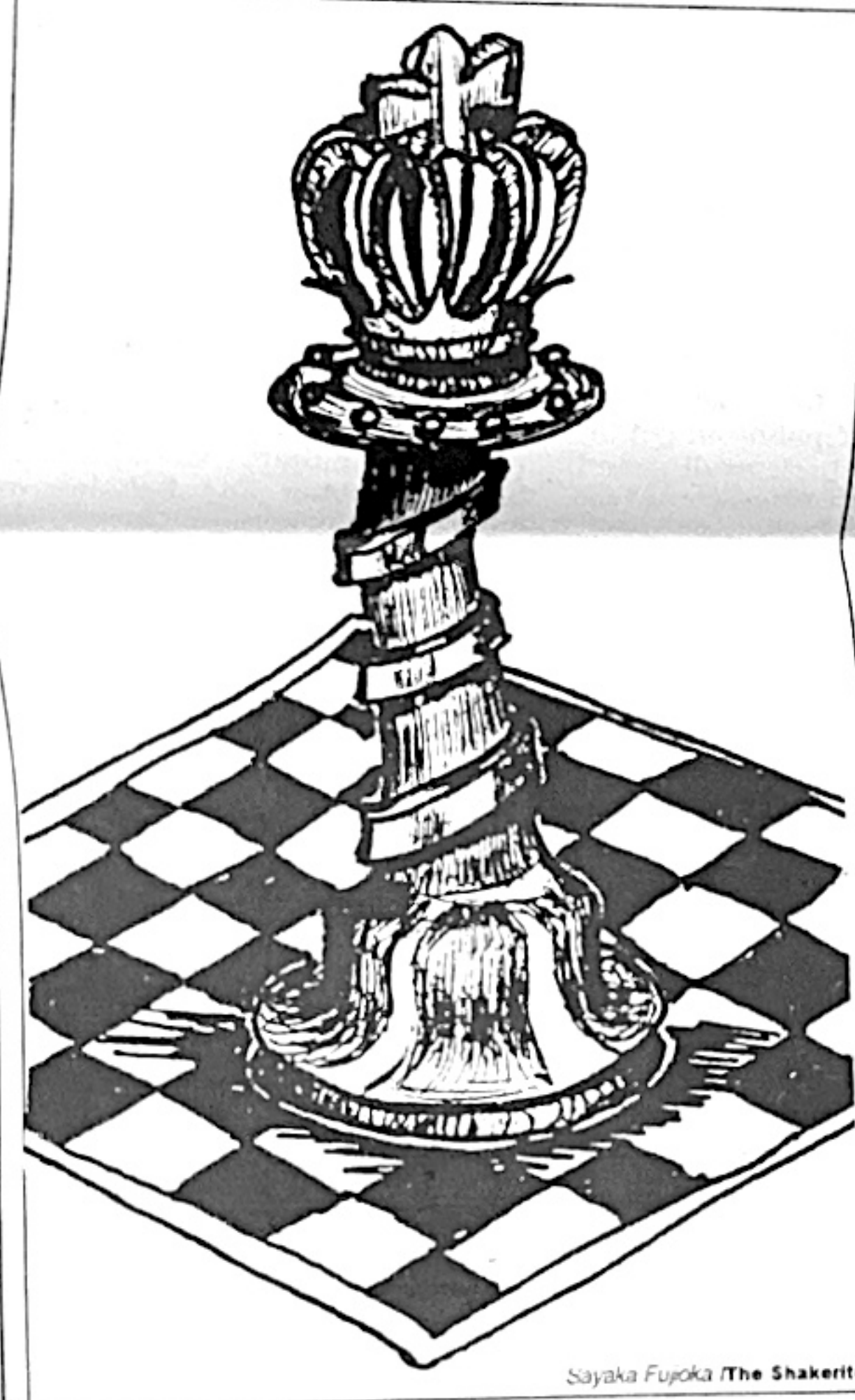


Ohio School Pictures

Nurse Evelyn Wisham will retire after the 1999-2000 school year. She has served Shaker students for 20 years and was recently named Ohio School Nurse of the Year. Colleagues, students and patients all agree that she will be missed. Wisham was first hired as a substitute nurse and subsequently fell in love with Shaker and the students during the six months of her substitute work. She was given a permanent job the following year. Wisham loves nursing and thinks that it is a "very fulfilling and rewarding profession."

"She can really lift up your spirits and give you a smile even when you are at your worst," sophomore Mara Berger said.

## Shaker clubs to tackle violence, ignorance and chess



Sayaka Fujoka/The Shakerite

### • Chess society maneuvers competition into checkmate

The Shaker Chess Club held its fifth annual tournament on Nov. 15, raising funds to send the team to East Side Scholastic Chess League tournaments.

The Chess Club participated in the Individual Grade Level Championship in Columbus on Nov. 20. The first place rating of seniors Michael Linen and Fred Biller in the Junior State Team Championship last year prompted the attempt. This feat usually requires

four people.

The club meets Monday through Thursday for an hour in addition to some Saturdays. Chess strategies are taught, then the club members compete among themselves.

"It encourages personal discipline and it provides opportunities to learn about long range planning skills," said Ruben Henderson, Chess Club adviser and history teacher.

Meryl Kramer

### • Students set their futures on educational pursuits

Future Educators of America (FEA), is designed to allow students to interact with the education process.

FEA also prepares for the annual national FEA conference in Orlando, Florida held in February in which they present

mock lessons.

"We are trying to promote that profession [teacher] and applaud teachers here and their wonderful contribution to education," adviser George Harley said.

Meryl Kramer

### • Student club formed to fight violence

While perusing a *LIFE* magazine in a doctor's office, senior Jenna Wolfberg read something that could change Shaker's future.

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), is a branch off of a parent foundation, Mothers Against Violence in America.

Wolfberg brought SAVE to the attention of English teacher C.J. Bott, who discusses related issues with her Social Issues in Contemporary Fiction and Non-Fiction classes. Senior Dan George, co-founder of Shaker's SAVE with Wolfberg, was also deeply moved by these issues.

"We realize that there is not going to be a spontaneous change in people, but apathy isn't the answer," said George. "Our goal is to build a solid core of

people who are driven to change the violent path our society is headed down."

SAVE, which started in Seattle and has more than one hundred groups nationally, is now an active eight-member club at Shaker. SAVE exists in two other schools in the Cleveland area.

The club meets every Thursday after school in the library and has met four times this year. Students have discussed their interest and concerns in the area of violence.

"The goal is to create an awareness of what causes violence and how it can be prevented," said Wolfberg, who would like to see SAVE taken on as a Senior Project to help the club get a good start.

George says that latent goals are to remember Penny Chang and try to solve Shaker's violence problems.

Meryl Kramer

## Burst pipe causes confusion

By Justin Gurney  
Managing editor

The citizenship portion of the Oct. 28 Ninth Grade Proficiency Test was interrupted when the social room filled with smoke from a burst pipe, resulting in a fire alarm.

Exam proctors instructed all students taking the test to insert their answer packets into the test booklets and to hand them in prior to exiting the building, according to assistant principal and director of testing Dr. Reginald Blue.

The students do not have to retake this portion of the test because there was no violation of test security.

"We went to great lengths to assure there were no violations," Blue said. "Our job is essentially to make sure everyone inserts their answer sheets into the test



booklet"

Students taking the test in the cafeteria were asked to hand in the booklets and all exams were secured. At the conclusion of the fire drill, the test takers reported back to their classes and finished.

"Everything we did would be considered legitimate," Blue said.

## ETS dispels score adjustment rumors

By Stephanie Gabarik  
Layout editor

The Educational Testing Service/College Board is trying to dispel a rumor that a new program identified as Strivers will help disadvantaged students by altering their standardized test scores.

The College Board recently released information on its website, College Board Online, about a report that "focuses on students whose SAT scores fell into the range of 1000 and 1190."

The research attempts to develop a statistical formula for using personal variables in admission decisions. The personal variables include socio-economic status, quality of the student's school district and courses available at the school.

The research will not result in a readjustment of students' scores. "Researchers are studying the effect of considering additional background information about candidates that would provide a richer context for candidates' scores," said College Board Online.

Shaker students reacted skeptically to the idea.

"I think the SAT board should tell colleges my scores and that's it," senior Dessie Harris said. "But someone could do badly on the SAT because they can't afford to pay for review classes or to buy a computer and software."

Guidance counselor Ronald Morgan feels it is not the job of the SAT board to report outside influences, but agrees with the goal of equity. "If it righted a social inequity, I'd be in favor of it," he said.

The program provoked discussion among students.

"The SAT should be a measure of what you know, not what you've gone through," junior Rachel Benish said.

"I wish I could have 200 points and I don't think it's fair," junior Marucs Roberson said. "Maybe they should get a free Princeton Review session to help them do better, but no one should get extra points."

"It's not fair to punish non-minorities from affluent backgrounds," sophomore Amy Schiller said. "If it's not a fair test, they shouldn't make up for it by punishing non-minorities."



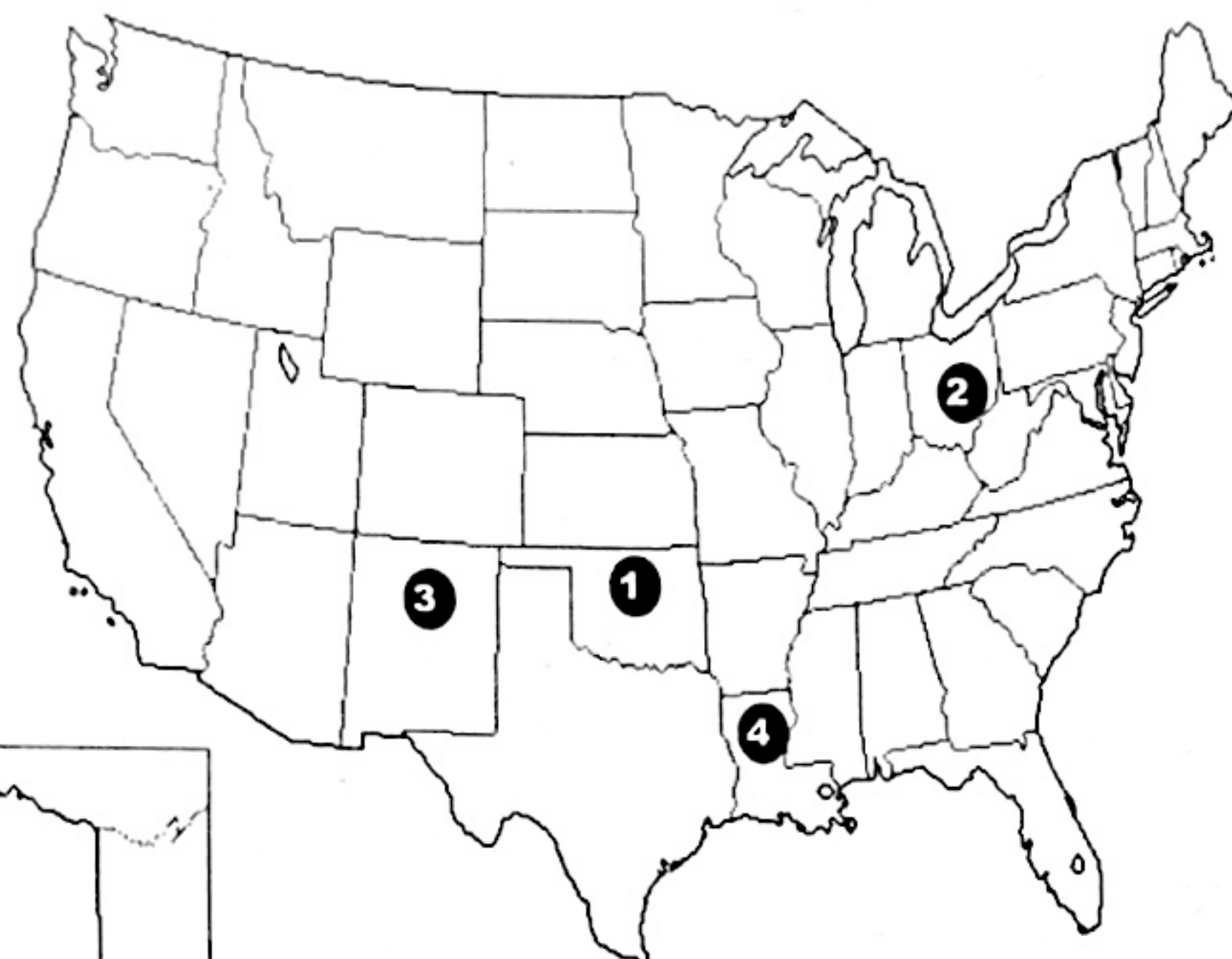
# News in the Nation

## ① Oklahoma City, OK Report of plot keeps students home

380 of Webster Middle School's 850 students were absent Nov. 12 because of rumors that two girls with a hit list planned to act. A list was found Nov. 10, and the two girls were removed from the school. They are currently awaiting a hearing on a long-term suspension. The school, which houses sixth to eighth graders, was under heightened security last week, and already has metal detectors, closed circuit cameras and a police officer on duty. Extra police were on duty Nov. 12.

## ② Madison Twp., OH Rumors of list scare local high school

Rumors that a freshman's list of friends, followed by song titles and places, was a hit list caused 30 percent of Madison High School's 1000 students to be absent on Nov. 11. The list was associated falsely with threatening bathroom graffiti that indicated action on that date. Police confirmed that there was never any danger to the students. The student who wrote the list never knew that the list was the source of the hysteria around school. School officials, to calm the situation, urged all parents to use common sense.



## ③ Santa Fe, NM Supreme Court will hear school prayer case

On Nov. 16, the Supreme Court agreed to decide whether public high school students can lead group invocations at football games. A Galveston County, Texas, school board is asking justices to overturn a lower court ruling allowing invocations before school games. The ACLU filed a suit in 1995 against a Santa Fe school district on behalf of two families, one Mormon and one Catholic, who object to prayer before football games. The decision is expected by June 2000.

## ④ Coshutta, LA Bathroom bomb evacuates high school

Senior Chad Edward Keith, 18, was arrested on Nov. 12 on a charge of destroying property with an explosive device after a small homemade bomb exploded in a bathroom stall. No one was injured from the explosion. Four similar devices were found throughout the school. They were all about four inches long and made from hollowed-out carbon dioxide tubes. Authorities reported that the devices were potentially deadly. Students were evacuated and sent home on buses.

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Russian exchange students help out in a Habitat for Humanity site. Other service projects they completed include helping at a nursing home and working with multi-handicapped children.

## Russians volunteer around town

By Lisa Samols  
Co-editor in chief

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!

So cried Shaker students and teachers involved with the 1999 Pskov-Shaker exchange as the Russians touched down at Hopkins Airport Oct. 14.

Ten students and two teachers from Pskov, a thousand-year-old city near St. Petersburg, stayed with host families for three weeks. This was the third exchange with the Pskov 15 school in Russia. Shaker students will be traveling to Pskov in June.

This year's exchange was an unusual one, as in addition to the standard

sightseeing and touring the Russians took part in a community service program sponsored by Project Harmony. Students and teachers reacted positively to this new addition.

"People should understand that the government can't help everyone," said Tatyana Popova, an English teacher in Russia and chaperone on the exchange. "It's an exciting time to live, but not an easy time to live."

The Russians took part in such activities as reading Russian newspapers to residents at a nursing home in Beachwood, participating in pet therapy, in which multi-handicapped children express themselves by playing with ani-

mals, planting flower bulbs in front of the high school and moving dirt for Habitat for Humanity.

Students enjoyed the experience.

"There were many sad things, but still, I liked it very much," said Nadya Pavlova, a Russian participant in the exchange.

The encouragement and friendship offered by hosts and exchange students was a distinguishing feature of the program.

"The highlight of this experience includes the many personal relationships that develop and the long-term partnership with Pskov 15," said Marjorie Eisenberg, social studies teacher and Russian exchange coordinator.



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## Zero tolerance does more harm than good

The shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, occurred more than half a year ago, but the event still haunts us today, permeating every decision, every action we make as a nation, community, school or individual.

Understandably, the horrific frequency of school shootings has made everyone more wary of what students are thinking, more cautious in every respect in order to protect us from the next tragedy.

This caution has resulted in a few cases in which a school's precautions were taken to the extreme. One student was suspended because he wore bright orange clothes to school, another because he drew a picture of the school on fire. And, more and more schools across the country are adopting "zero tolerance" policies.

On Sept. 17, a school in Decatur, Illinois employed the zero tolerance policy when six students were expelled for two years because of a brawl at a football game. The event recently came to national attention when the Rev. Jesse Jackson addressed the issue.

While the fight warranted some kind of disciplinary action, the school acted too rashly to make the students learn from their mistake.

To an even greater extreme, students are disciplined for having nail clippers and mini Swiss Army knives, and a zero tolerance drug policy has caused several students to be expelled for carrying Tylenol around for headaches and muscle cramps.

Discipline is supposed to make students understand that there are consequences to bad behavior and to teach them not to repeat it. However, extreme discipline is more likely to make a student rebel against whatever or whomever enforced the punishment than learn from it. This is just what the result of the punishment given out by the Decatur school system will be.

What can the six boys learn from such a harsh punishment? What good can possibly come from expelling them from school for two whole years? Say they go to another school. What's to prevent them from fighting there? It's almost as if the Decatur school system is trying to pass on their problem children to the next available school.

While we can all appreciate schools' concern for our well-being, it's awfully hard to determine which actions are for our own protection and which are the result of intense paranoia.

Clearly the zero tolerance policy is a bit too rash in certain instances, as it oversteps the boundaries of discipline and does more harm than good to students. But educators and politicians who advocate the measure have a strong argument. The occasional student who is unjustly punished by the policy may stand for dozens or even hundreds of students who could be potentially seriously injured or killed under a less strict policy.

So what is the answer? Do we punish all for the slightest violation in order to ensure a greater good? Or does a more liberal policy better assure the student's rights? The solution lies in judging the student's intent.

Administrators are quick to judge the action, whether it be a fight or a weapons or drug violation, but rarely look into the intent that students expressed in their actions. A fight between students in which one intends to seriously injure or even kill another certainly warrants the actions taken by school officials in Decatur, but an escalated argument between friends does not. Possession of an ounce of marijuana with the intent to sell is clearly a punishable offense, but a student who carries Advil to lessen the intensity of a headache should not be dealt with in such a way. Students who harbor malicious intent require greater disciplinary action than those who do not.

How do you judge such intent? Tried and true methods such as taking into account a student's past and the opinions of the faculty and

other students can give a principal insight into personality and intent. And while this method is not entirely effective, it could be combined with a less harsh tolerance policy to ensure both a student's safety and rights.

Students and faculty have the right to feel safe and comfortable in the school environment, but not to the degree that paranoia dictates daily administrative action. Tolerance, when derived from facts, is justified, and while we can always think of a "what if" to go with any situation, the greater concern should be whether or not a student's education and future are compromised to overprotect a school.

## Letters to THE EDITOR

### Art must remain subjective and cannot be restricted

To the editor:

In the last issue of the Shakerite, Megan Johnston said, "Artwork such as this is a travesty to this country." It gives me a warm feeling to know that I've got the Fascist right wing looking out for my best interests. It isn't art and that's the bottom line, and that makes sense, because everybody agrees what's art, so why don't we just legislate it. We'll just let the government decide what's appropriate for adults to see. Hey, maybe we can let the government decide which people can go to what schools too, and maybe we can get our own private bathrooms for white people only. The Billy Bob comment was also in good taste, because people in rural America are really second class citizens, so we should constantly make sure to put them in their place with prejudiced remarks. There are only two possibilities to explain where this article came from: one is that *The Shakerite* needed a good debate on this issue and someone had to take the "bad" point of view, a scary possibility, that *The Shakerite* would print such hate in the interest of a funny article. But the even scarier possibility is that people really might believe this tripe.

Ygal Kaufman

To the editor:

First of all this letter is not written to argue Megan Johnston's political views. If she wants to dispute the first amendment (which is ironic, as she is taking complete advantage of it with her article), that is her right. I do, however have a serious problem with her idiotic plans and blatant ignorance about the artists.

In her article she called for the abolishment of age restrictions and claimed the confidential art should be placed in Central Park. Good plan. Now that there are no age restrictions we should invite local kindergarten students to a double feature of *Bambi* and *Intercourse with a Vampire* all the while allowing them to drink Jack Daniels and smoke Dutchmaster blunts. Once again, good plan.

Megan even goes on to claim that these artists weren't even artists, but merely "sitting in his barn looking at a rotten meat," evincing her blatant rudeness and ignorance regarding artists.

Jeff Rosenberg



# Breakthroughs in science bring new light to bioethics

Science isn't all bad, is it?

Breakthroughs in fertilization and cloning will revolutionize the future of Shaker students, but do the dangers of shopping for a child or creating a menagerie of cloned species outweigh the risks?

The *Shakerite* took this question into the hallways to find out the student body's opinion.

**Sabiha Ahmad-Kahn**  
Grade: senior  
What are the benefits of cloning?

"Cloning is a good idea if it's used correctly. It shouldn't be used to make the perfect child or anything of the sort, but it could help with issues such as organ transplants. Some people wait so long for an organ and cloning could create the organ just for them."

Do you think it is OK for a woman to sell her eggs over the internet?

"I don't understand how a woman could sell her eggs. It's unnatural—just like selling a child. Eggs or a child are not property and they are not something you can get money from."



**Michael Lewis**  
Grade: sophomore  
How could cloning potentially be dangerous?

"Cloning can be cool because you can see replicas of people, but that can also be dangerous because you have two people walking around when it should really only be one."

**Andy Spencer**  
Grade: senior  
Is the auctioning at Ronsangels.com ethical?

"I think that it is fine. If people are ignorant enough to buy eggs online then they can waste their money. You're not gonna get beautiful babies just because you have a supermodel mom."

Is cloning a threat? Do you consider it ethical or unethical?

"Cloning is neither ethical or unethical. It's not going to hurt humanity. If people are curious and they want to spend their money on it, that's fine, but I wouldn't do it. There are many scientific things money could be put towards that would help humanity. We're dying of diseases, we're not dying of mammoths."



**Geoffrey Cross**  
Grade: sophomore  
Is the auctioning at Ronsangels.com ethical?

"I think that a parent should think of their child as beautiful no matter what the outcome. You shouldn't have to pay thousands of dollars in order to love your kids. That should come naturally."

Is cloning a threat? Do you consider it ethical or unethical?

"Cloning is definitely possible, but it's dangerous. It can help us figure out what civilization was like in the past. Cloning humans is different, though. You can clone a human for their organs, but otherwise it could get out of control. That's where you need to draw the line."

It seems that whether you are a supermodel or a woolly mammoth, science can find a way to change your life.

What began as in vitro fertilization has turned into the auctioning of America's most attractive eggs. What was the experimental cloning of a sheep named Dolly has evolved

into the beginning of a Jurassic Park.

As always, wherever science goes, controversy follows, and the ethics of marketing motherhood and putting a pet woolly mammoth in every household are in question.

As we approach the next century, these issues will increasingly affect Shaker students.

## Siberia: the next Jurassic Park? • Cloning the prehistoric just a little too hairy

By Carmel Pryor  
Staff reporter

During the Ice Age an 11-foot-tall, 23-ton woolly mammoth collapsed to its death. Recently, 20,000 years later, the frozen carcass has been found and excavated by a group of scientists in the icy tundra of Siberia. Imagine this: the prehistoric animal cloned. Biologists would insert DNA into the ovum of an elephant—a distant cousin—and implant the embryo in the elephant's womb. Or the frozen sperm of the male mammoth would fertilize the egg of a female elephant creating a hybrid—a mutt offspring of the contributing elephant and mammoth parents.

Cloning (the process of developing identical genes) this ancient mammoth is both absurd and unnecessary. Mammoths rank among the most common fossils found and an abundance of information can be concluded by studying this one extinct species alone. Why would scientists choose to recreate this mammal simply for experimentation? The cash pouring into the project can be used to continue searching for cures of life-threatening diseases rather than fulfilling the curiosity of biologists.

Besides, one factor seems to be overlooked in the new woolly mammoth cloning scandal. The warm-blooded vertebrate is extinct! Leave it be, frozen and dead as it has been found. The thought of putting the creation of life into the hands of man is absolutely frightening and unnecessary. Once the woolly mammoth is again in existence, its presence on earth could be perilous to the human race. Hello? Jurassic Park!

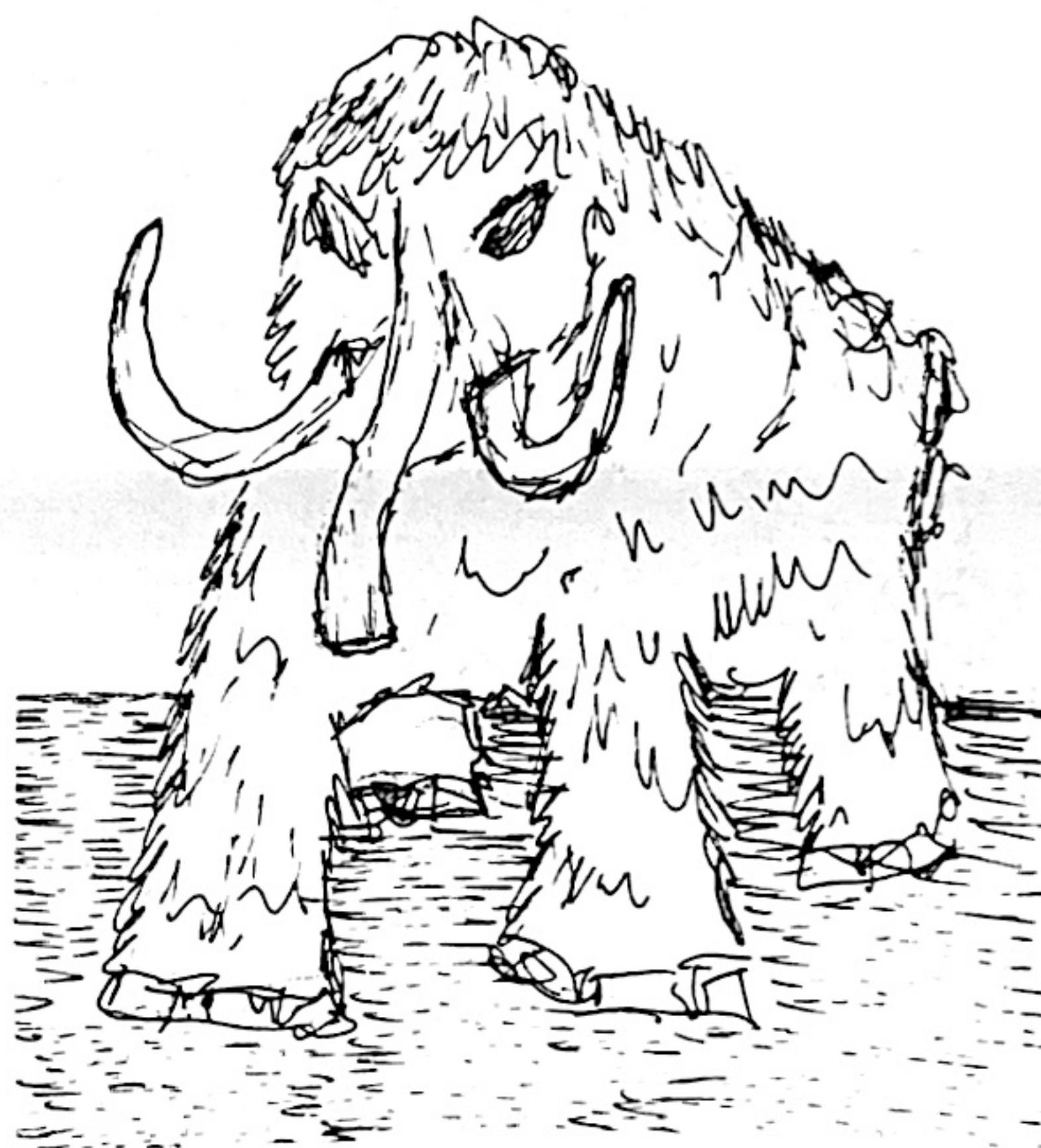
The idea of cloning was first explored in hopes of genetically engineering animals having certain proteins in their milk. In 1997, in a world-famous experiment, Dolly the sheep was developed from an egg whose own genes had been replaced by those from an adult udder cell. She was seen as the first incarnation as the breakthrough of cloning—living, breathing, wool-bearing proof that cloning was no longer a scientific fantasy, but a genetic reality.

Out of 277 embryos, Dolly was the only one that survived. The others were miscarried, had birth defects or were stillborn. The goal of the project was to be able to produce numerous copies of animals with highly desirable qualities. Farmers couldn't rely on the odds of a "perfect" animal to be born the conventional way. Instead, an exact replica was created. To date, biologists continue to experiment with the process. Mice have been duplicated in New York and Hawaii, and calves were cloned in Japan. There is a very real threat as to the extent of cloning.

There should be social constraints placed on scientists as to what they can do within the boundaries science in terms of morality and ethics. Still, the future of cloning could result in the multiplicity of bio-engineered humans. When and if this takes place, it may be used as a device to create the optimum human race. Can't you see it now? Society putting restraints on all the newborn babies based on beauty. Creating a dominant race and virtually eliminating minorities. Sound familiar? It is not a far-fetched idea. This concept echoes the very terrifying views of Adolph Hitler, who tried to create a blond-haired, blue-eyed, master race during World War II.

Although many scientific theories clearly contradict religious belief, cloning provides a thin line between biology and theology with its ability to create new life.

Biologists wanting to bring back extinct mammals. What would stop them from bringing back deceased people? There was a time when scientists were laughed at for saying that mankind would have the ability to fly. In modern day, airplanes are a common mode of transportation while high above them, satellites and rockets delve into the unknown. It starts now with a huge, lumbering beast walking the earth and then, 30 years into the distant future, there will be cloned humans without souls. Renewing the woolly mammoth's life would prove to be useless, perhaps hazardous, and add nothing more to history except one more step towards our own bio-engineered demise.



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## Cleveland Browns or Frowns?

What's the deal with the Cleveland Browns?

Sure, they do deserve praise for beating our archrivals, the Pittsburgh Steelers (barely), but take that out of the picture and they are more the Cleveland Frowns than the Cleveland Browns.

What's their excuse? Maybe it's the pressure of being an expansion team or maybe it's all the hype in Cleveland. The Browns have to live up to high preconceived expectations.

Clearly it is time for a change, and before we start boosting his ego, little Timmy should go sit on his Couch.

Alex Hitchens

## Clean it yourself, Shaker!

Why are kids at Shaker so bratty and spoiled? I must be the only kid who does not have a house cleaner picking up behind me.

As I sit in German class, everyone starts talking about their maid or house cleaner. My cleaning staff consists of my mother, father and myself.

People shouldn't pay for someone else to clean up after their own messes. It's time to stop being lazy. Shaker should dust their own shelves, pick up their own tight-whities, and stop relying on a Action Maids to keep their beds made with hospital corners.

Nate Klooster

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**Rob Rains**  
Staff reporter

## Hollywood romance a sham

The moonlight struck her face, lighting up her eyes with a glow that drove him wild. He tilted her head back and inched his face closer to hers in anticipation. As our Romeo leaned in for the kiss, he let off the loudest burp the girl had ever heard, spoiling the moment and ruining a good evening. If this scenario is something new to you, leave the room now. For the rest of us here, welcome to dating 101. Dating is a lot like *Jeopardy*: if you wager too much on something you are not sure of, you end up losing everything, a statement so true it hurts.

How many times have we been forced to watch that overly dramatic teary-eyed scene at the end of the movie where the boy kisses the girl and everything is hunky dory? Wow, can they be any more off track? Apparently Hollywood hasn't realized that this cliché will not only keep away viewers but also make them sick. A normal teenage male does not keep a 75-member string ensemble near him to set the mood. The average teenager doesn't "get the girl in the end." He does get a laugh at the suggestion of another date and a loud slam as a goodbye kiss indeed, ending my night with a brass door-knocker is nothing new to me, but sometimes if I'm lucky I also get beat up by the older brother the following day at school.

If only we all possessed the looks and supposed intelligence of some of Hollywood's finest. But even they need a break from romancing, and need to pick up a member of the world's oldest profession or donsoms attire of the opposite sex. The problem is that Hollywood has created this insurmountable standard of the perfect date. It has everyone stressed out as though his or her life depended on it, and in a way it does. Without a "soul mate" we cannot fulfill our dream of being awakened at three o'clock in the morning by Officer Smith to inform us of our son or daughter's late night activities. We cannot carry our spouse over the threshold into our Motel 6 room, nor can we grow to hate our in-laws.

Few television shows have successfully grasped the truth about dating and marriage that has long been distorted by media. Among the elite that have is the anti-sitcom *Married with Children*. Thank God for this show. Otherwise, I might have made a noose out of my bed sheets long ago.

*Married with Children* features a seemingly loose daughter, a hormonally driven son and two "parents" who have settled for each other. Obviously they didn't have the euphoric relationship and dates that could make Hollywood cry, the relationship we are all expected to have. Here's a little news for all the romantics out there, GIVE UP! It ain't happening, as much as I'd hate to admit it. Now if you will excuse me, I need to pick up my date. My transportation: only the best Huffy has to offer.

# Legalize it! Prostitution can benefit society

## • Eliminate social problems by regulating oldest profession

**By Justin Gurney**  
Managing editor

As Peter Tosh would say, legalize it!

HIV and AIDS infection rates are rising and our jails are overcrowded with people serving time for sexual offenses while pimps continue to make money off the decline of the human race.

Most states in this country have laws prohibiting prostitution. However, similar to our country's war on drugs, laws have done little to decrease the amount of sex-related crimes. In fact, they only exacerbate the problem.

Abuse is one of the biggest problems prostitutes face. When a "product" is sold, she becomes the possession of a customer, allowing him to do with her as he pleases. Pimps give their employees drugs and they don't even treat with them with common decency or as human beings.

Putting people in jail or fining them for engaging in the prostitution business is not eliminating it, it's making it dirty. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

Governor Jesse Ventura, in a campaign interview in Forest Lake, Minnesota, said that Minnesota should seriously consider legalizing prostitution. This idea was shot down by Ventura's opponents, DFL candidate Skip Humphrey and Republican Norm Coleman. Neither Minnesota nor America should be outraged by this idea. In fact, it should be taken into serious consideration.

The United States should opt to create a central red-light district similar to those in Amsterdam, where people can solicit sex. Legalizing prostitution would allow the government to regulate the activity and keep it in and out of certain areas. Rules should include the mandatory use of condoms and provisions for prostitutes to undergo

routine venereal disease and AIDS testing. Just like in many other jobs, employees would have to sign a contract specifying the amount of alcohol and drug intake allowed. Women could even be forced to be on the pill, eliminating a portion of single mother families.

These laws would make prostitution safer by centralizing it and eventually eliminating street prostitution.

The best result of legalizing prostitution would be that white slavers and pimps would be put out of business, destroying their ability to control, exploit and abuse women. There is nothing wrong with decreasing the frequency of female sexual abuse cases in society.

What if all taxes received from prostitution go toward helping women find other jobs, ultimately eliminating the self-degrading, money making profession all together?

In fact, prostitution is already legal in certain counties of Nevada and is regulated similarly. Patrons must use condoms, and mandatory STD testing and sheriff department registration are also required. HIV testing is done on a monthly basis. Brothels, the areas in which prostitution is legal in Nevada, require workers to undergo weekly, state-mandated medical examinations for gonorrhea, herpes, venereal warts and monthly blood tests for syphilis.

If a brothel worker or applicant is found to be seropositive, her employment is immediately terminated or denied.

Anti-prostitution laws bring up a hypocritical oversight in the legislative process. How is pornography legal under these laws? Women and men are being paid to perform sexual acts. Is that not prostitution?

In the example of pornography, women have freedom of ex-

pression, but why don't they deserve it in the profession of prostitution? Our nation is hypocritical. It's because of our desire to live up to the ideals of our superior attitude that we won't condone anything that is considered by conservative America to be morally incorrect. This type of contemptuous behavior makes the United States appear to be run by imbeciles when we try to enforce laws that are broken by a majority of Americans.

Trying to force laws opposing prostitution is self-defeating. During World War II, British soldiers brought in prostitutes, but they were all checked for venereal diseases before any sexual contact occurred. When these safeguards were eliminated, the soldiers continued to find prostitutes, only they weren't checked for disease, so illnesses were spread.

Although Governor Ventura said he was not willing to take immediate action in his prostitution legalization ideas, it should be seriously considered. Not only in Minnesota, but in all of the country. We need to take a



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fresh look at solving social problems.

Eliminate disease, free up jail space and possibly eliminate a sickening business. The only solution is to legalize it, tax it and regulate it.

## A modest proposal: no more stopping in the halls

### • Students urged to be more considerate in between classes

**By Nate Auerbach**  
Feature co-editor

You know those things you see all over the halls when you're trying to get to your next class? Most of us refer to those as people.

Pedestrians in our hallways are neglecting to acknowledge the fact that they share the halls with hundreds of other people. Lately at school it seems that the hardest thing to do is to squeeze through the halls without being battered or bruised. The solution: ask your mommies to pick you up some common sense at the grocery store.

Too many times have I been trampled along my treks to classes. Journeying through our beloved hallways has become an epic adventure for much of our student body.

The most commonly seen road block at our school, more common than those placed by the intrusive construction crew, is that created by a congregation of two or more people in the most inopportune locations in our halls. If you truly must gossip about others or talk to your friends about last night's *Dawson's Creek* episode, please pull over against a wall. The dozens of kids on the stairway waiting for

you to move do not care a bit about what you have to say, so leave them alone.

There are also a number of kids who choose to wear their pants at their knees and thus must walk slowly enough that they don't trip and mess up their pretty faces. Others just choose to walk slowly.

I propose a solution to the problem. When the construction workers are finished playing in our new gym, we should invite them to stay awhile, keep their convenient parking spaces and paint divider lines in our main hallways. We could have a four-lane highway with room on the shoulders to pull over. The high school's funds should be directed to this project, for its outcome will present a much safer environment for us students. Instead of purchasing low-pressure automatic faucets, why don't we equip each student with break lights and turn signals to avoid our hallway hazards?

The kind Gideons who were handing us Bibles would have told you, had you taken the chance to talk to them, to treat others as you would like to be treated. Be courteous to your peers. If you can't keep up with the masses, pull over to the granny lane.

## Hey Kobe: Stay in school!

Has education gone down the drain that much? Or has sports risen too high? Every year some immature college sophomore, and even sometimes kids fresh out of high school, forgoes his college athletic career to go pro. They decide to give up the most important thing they have: their education. They need to stop thinking about next year, and start thinking about next decade. What if they get hurt? They are left flipping burgers with nothing but muscles to carry them.

If it came down to brawns or brains, I'd take the latter. Stay in school!

Ben Woodcock

## Time to cut out cut calls

It's 7:30 in the evening and the phone rings. There's a pause and then the high school's recording system comes on and explains that you have missed a class and that it is unexcused.

But wait!

As you recall, you attended all of your classes today, so why in the world is this machine calling your house? Must the school call your house to remind you what classes you have or haven't missed?

You already know if you missed a class. You're in high school now, so Shakers should let you grow up.

Eboni Crump





Justin Gurney  
Managing Editor

## Livin' la vida commercial

I was watching television, dozing off to commercials, when I thought how much advertisements twist reality. Then I had a dream.

My friend Brian, in his new off-road vehicle, took a scenic drive up a mountain. He hit a bump, and the SUV flew over a cliff. Tension mounted, but Brian landed safely on the other side.

Brian, wearing the new Air Jordans (which make him run faster and jump higher), sprinted down the mountain as ferocious animals lunged at him. Nearly dead, he popped a stick of Juicy Fruit in his mouth, and boy did it move him. He flew down that mountain and escaped unscathed. Little did Brian know his adventurous journey wasn't finished. He went to a fast food joint to order "the best hamburger ever made." The bill was \$20.

After paying only part of his \$20 for the dead cow, Brian ran out of the restaurant. As he walked away, a cop began chasing him in a Toyota Four-Runner. Brian, still wearing his Jordans, hopped over a building and outran the cop. But cops in Corvettes were on the way.

He hid in a local pharmacy, but was soon spotted. Brian had to flee, but not before picking up a Sprite. After all, Grant Hill drinks Sprite. But Brian didn't have time to pay, so he continued running.

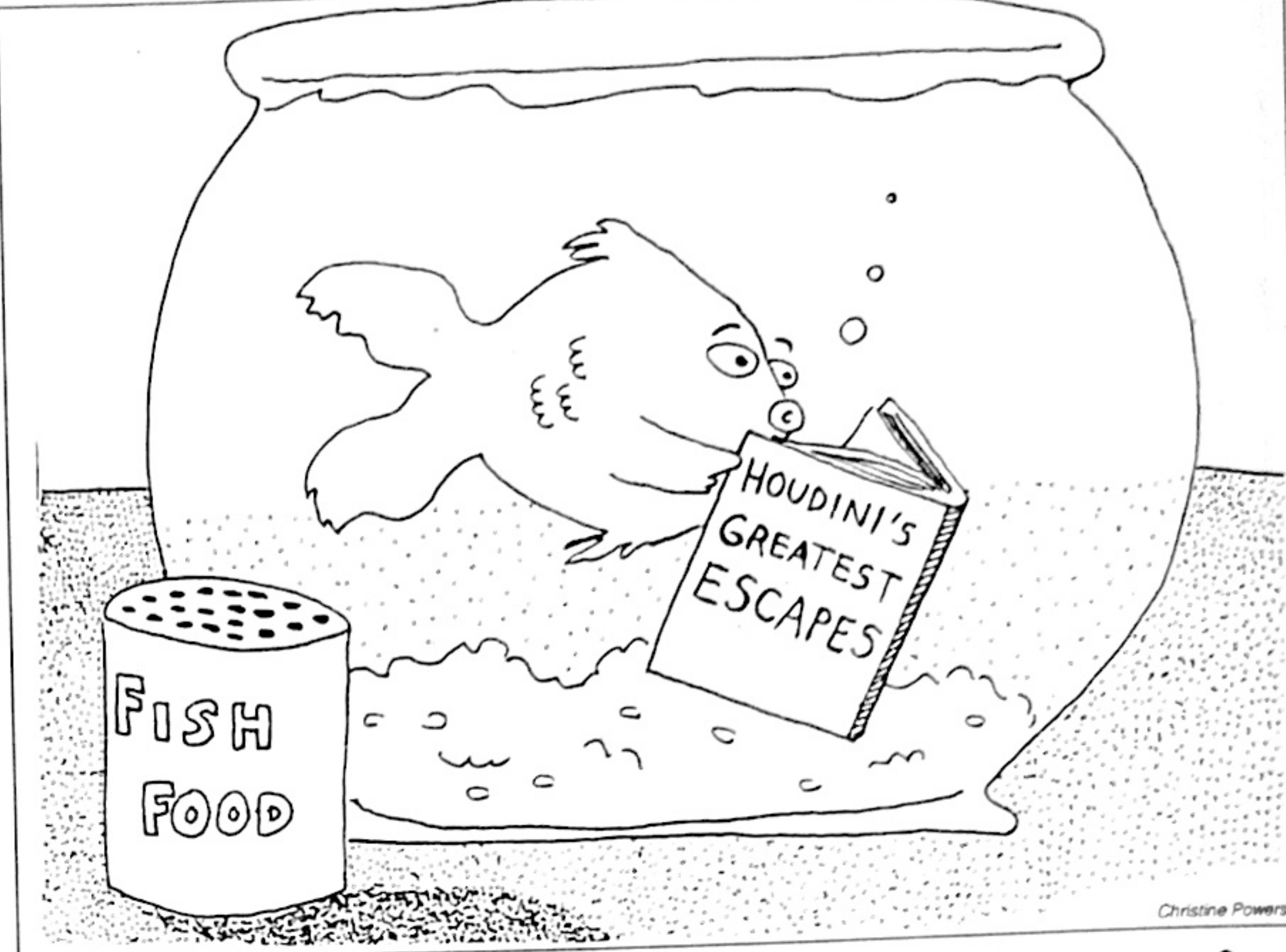
Some little kid got in Brian's way and tripped him. He put the kid in a hammer lock and then body slammed him. Brian then lifted the kid over his head and threw him into a wall and into some imaginary ropes. The kid ran right into a sleeper. After a couple seconds the little boy was sound asleep.

Brian kept running from the cops. The little kid's grandmas, The Fabulous Mula sisters, former tag team champs, chased him down and beat him with a baseball bat in the middle of the city. The cops caught up to the brutalized fugitive and attempted to cuff him.

Brian reached into his pocket. Everyone fell silent, terrified of his intentions. Hearts raced as the police pulled out their guns and pointed them at the villain. As Brian slowly pulled his hand from his pocket, the triggers were cocked, and Brian unleashed... Mentos, The Freshmaker. The cops let Brian go.

## What is Humor?

Humor is ironic. Humor takes a lighthearted look at a serious subject, and vice versa. Humor means responding quickly and pointedly to life's little dilemmas. Welcome to Humor.



## Instructions for driving on Chagrin



Josh Lavin  
Staff reporter

try Chagrin (Rarely has a street been so aptly named.)

No sadist ever born could dream of devising a hell so luscious as the Warrensville-Chagrin-Northfield-Van Aken—who knows what else—intersection—where

Now, I am going to examine a nightmare, a situation we've all faced. You're heading down Van Aken, driving toward inevitable deadlock, and you decide to tempt fate and

you now find yourself. Often I'm forced to wonder why they built such an absolutely idiotic road formation. I'd recommend reconstruction, maybe a rotary, but the sheer amount of traffic that goes through makes that impossible.

But back to the narrative. We find ourselves in a line of cars that seems long enough to fill a small country, like Canada. (Yeah I realize Canada doesn't really count as a country, but does that matter?)

You're starting to lose hope and seriously wondering if your seatbelt could cut off your oxygen supply, when... wait! What's that? Off in the distance, so far away that your eyes can barely make it out... yes! Victory! The light is green!

Salvation has come, freedom from gridlock at last!

Your foot, reveling in the moment, lifts off the brake and joyously... slams back down. No one is moving! Have the people in the front run out of gas while waiting, or perhaps died of old age?

At last, the incompetents at the front begin their slow crawl through the light. Are you going to make it this time? Don't be an idiot. Of course you won't.

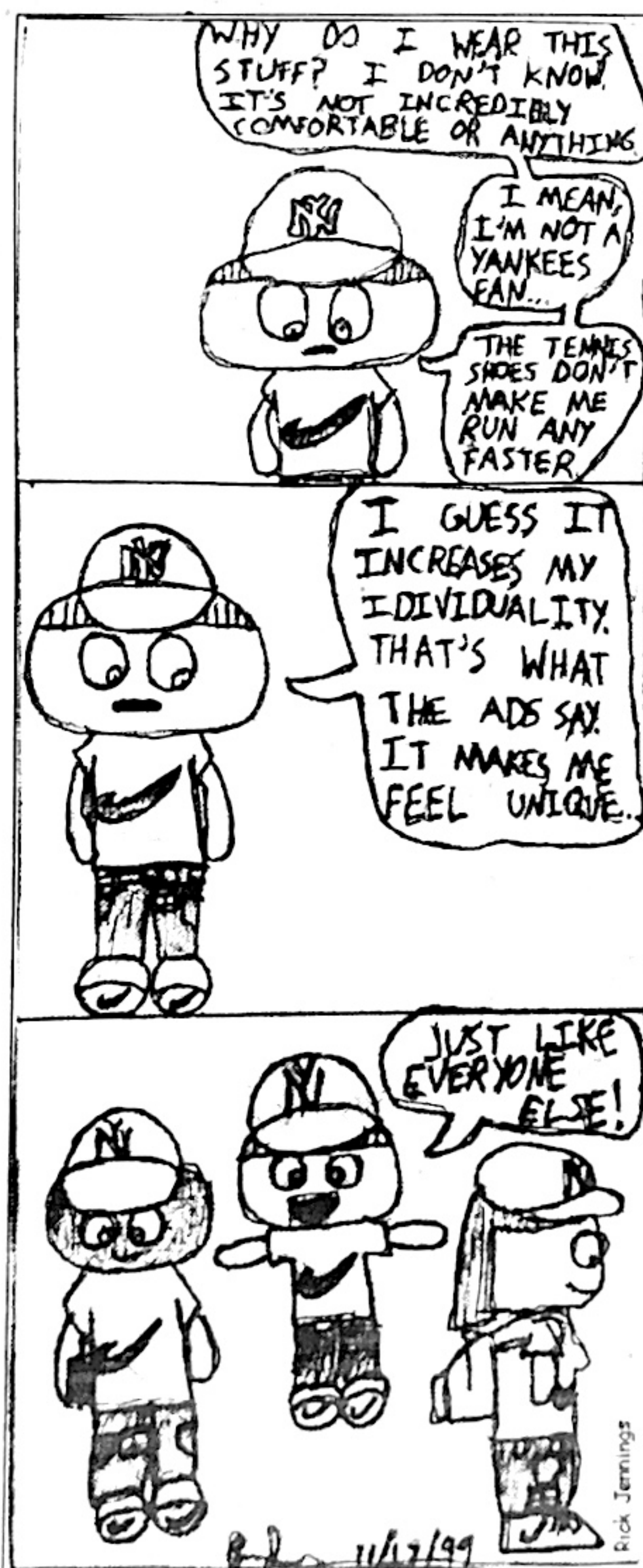
Just as cars are finally moving forward, the idiot in the car in front of you seems totally oblivious to the movement of traffic. Closer observation reveals the reason—a cell phone. Surprise, surprise.

As that person finally moves the

luxury sedan, your heart begins to pound in anxiety. You might make it. Is it possible? No. In the perfect irony of driving, that stupid cell-phone woman barely makes it, leaving you behind to growl in frustration.

Although this sad situation happens at oh-so-many many lights, it never happens more often than at this intersection.

Something must be done to solve this dilemma, and I know just what it is. Without a doubt, this solution will deal with these lights from hell in a quick efficient manner. You'll hardly be able to believe your eyes when you read this. Next month, I mean, because I am out of room. Happy honking, everyone!



## The joys of travel at 30,000 feet



Jesse Griffiths  
Feature co-editor

The seat in front of me reclines, my knees cramp up and my tolerance wanes. That's right folks, you guessed it. I'm on an airplane.

You see, friends, I am in the beginning stages of the ever-so-fun college search. My first interviews were held at the University of Denver, and that, my dear readers, is why I found myself trapped in this breeding ground for yuck known as flight 561.

A few issues ago, we wrote about how much fun the airport could be. However, we neglected to consider people who actually go to the airport to catch a flight. I still stand by my love of the very entertaining airport experience, but when you are in a rush to board a plane, much of the fun is checked with your baggage.

My flight took off at 3 p.m. I arrived at the airport a little after 2:30 p.m. Compulsive worrier that I am, I was convinced that I'd miss my flight and be stuck in Cleveland—with a gate full of friends awaiting my arrival in Denver.

Luckily, though, my mother and I flew (no pun intended) through check-in and security without suffering any anxiety attacks and arrived at the gate just in time to board. I bid a brief farewell to my maternal unit and darted onto the awaiting plane.

I'll tell ya, I often feel like I'm stuck in a lost *Seinfeld* episode, but I think this time takes the cake.

Most of the people on my flight were in suits, apparently flying somewhere to make some big decision about money. Imagine the look on their faces as I, a 17-year-old girl clad in a faded, gray T-shirt and ripped green cargo pants, sporting long hair—which hadn't been brushed in a while—draped over my weathered green backpack.

Some of the looks were classic, but I managed to ignore the cold stares and find my seat, sit down and begin to mentally prepare.

No, I'm not afraid of flying. I've actually done quite a lot of it, but please remember the compulsive tendencies aforementioned. Every bump, squeak or cough created an uneasy feeling in my tummy.

As we taxied to the runway the stranger sitting next to me, who apparently suffered from narcolepsy, drifted off and began to serenade me with a chorus of snores and grunts. Not too

much harm done, I figured; I just cranked the volume on my CD player.

About 20 minutes in to the flight, an attendant tapped me on the shoulder and asked sweetly if I'd like a drink.

Sweet release, I thought. I will finally be saved from my undying thirst. "Pepsi in a can, please," I responded. Did I get it? Not a chance. I was handed a miniature plastic cup, inadequate for even a chipmunk and stuffed with more ice than the Arctic Circle.

Reluctantly, I drank. With every sip, the snores grew louder and I feared that the decibels emanating from my Discman would not drown them out much longer. Yes, this is how I picture hell.

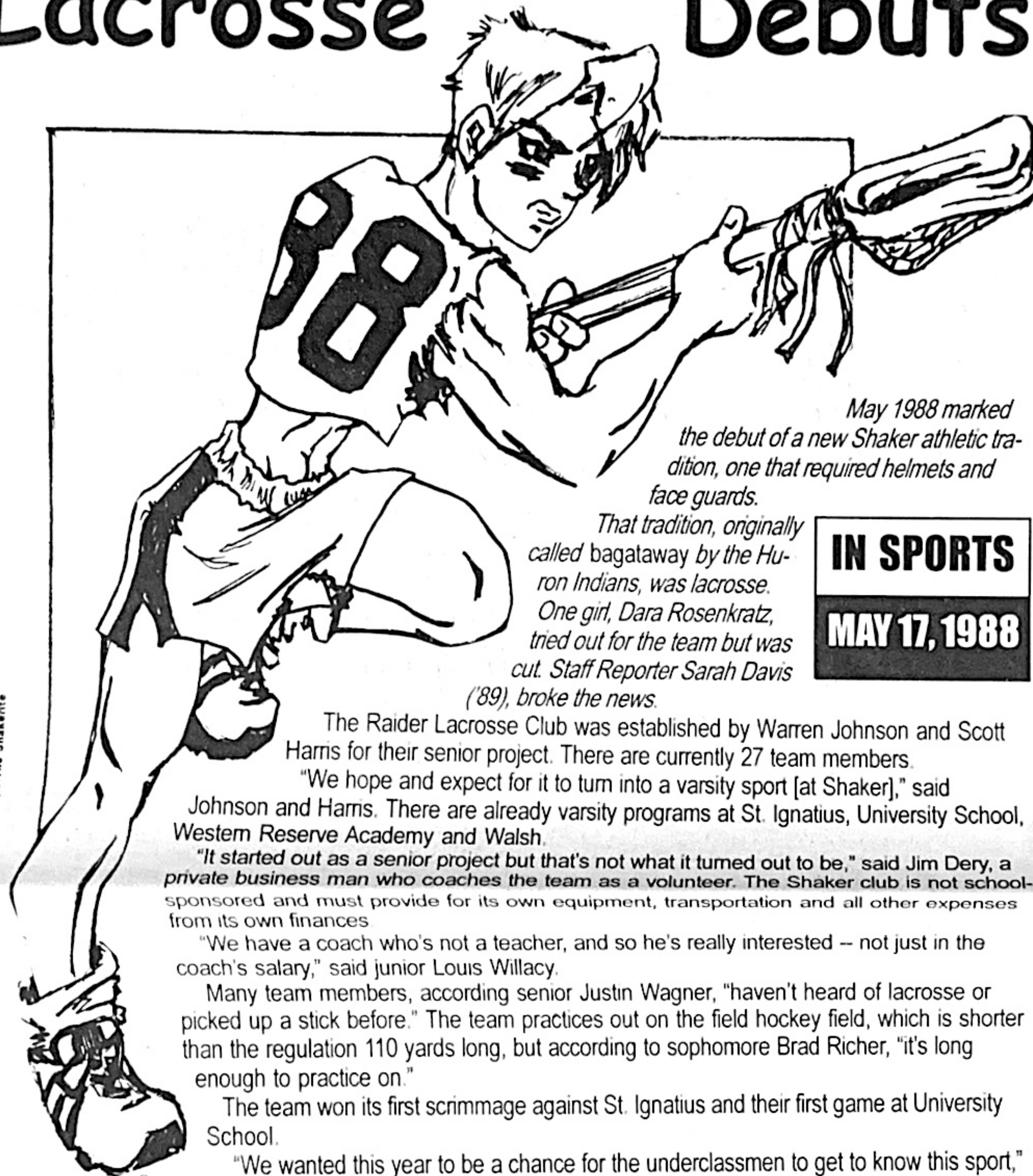


# 1987 1988

Hair was big, changes were big and controversy was even bigger during the 1987-1988 school year. A lacrosse club debuted, several current teachers got married and an Ohio Supreme Court case was decided in Shaker's favor. Dr. A.

Jack Rumbaugh enjoyed his first year at Shaker, and Thornton Park changed its image. *The Shakerite* staff published eight issues that year, and now we bring you highlights from the archives.

## Lacrosse Debuts



Emily Phillips/The Shakerite

May 1988 marked the debut of a new Shaker athletic tradition, one that required helmets and face guards.

That tradition, originally called bagaway by the Huron Indians, was lacrosse. One girl, Dara Rosenkratz, tried out for the team but was cut. Staff Reporter Sarah Davis ('89), broke the news.

**IN SPORTS**  
**MAY 17, 1988**

The Raider Lacrosse Club was established by Warren Johnson and Scott Harris for their senior project. There are currently 27 team members. "We hope and expect for it to turn into a varsity sport [at Shaker]," said Johnson and Harris. There are already varsity programs at St. Ignatius, University School, Western Reserve Academy and Walsh. "It started out as a senior project but that's not what it turned out to be," said Jim Dery, a private business man who coaches the team as a volunteer. The Shaker club is not school-sponsored and must provide for its own equipment, transportation and all other expenses from its own finances. "We have a coach who's not a teacher, and so he's really interested -- not just in the coach's salary," said junior Louis Willacy. Many team members, according to senior Justin Wagner, "haven't heard of lacrosse or picked up a stick before." The team practices out on the field hockey field, which is shorter than the regulation 110 yards long, but according to sophomore Brad Richer, "it's long enough to practice on." The team won its first scrimmage against St. Ignatius and their first game at University School. "We wanted this year to be a chance for the underclassmen to get to know this sport," Johnson said. "Next year, maybe it will become a team, not just a club."

written by Sarah Davis

## What a summer!

Weddings and birth announcements: Social studies teacher Bob Wonson married Maryann Wengryniuk on July 18, physical education teacher John Schwartz and English teacher Marianne Borland were married June 13 and math teacher Ovella Roulette married health teacher Hubert McIntyre Aug. 7. Math teachers Michele Strahsburg and Barbara Arsham each had baby girl.

## Brand new office

In the summer of 1987, the main office was redecorated and reorganized. Secretaries are separated into four areas, two on each side of the counter. The faculty mailbox is now arranged so that mail can be loaded on the office side and removed from the hallway side. Also, the larger counter has been extended nearly the whole length of the room. The color scheme is now gray and crimson, instead of blue and white. "Those are Parma colors, blue and white," Rumbaugh said.

**NEWS BRIEFS**  
**1987-1988**

## High school threatened

A white supremacy group phoned the high school Sept. 9, 1987, claiming placement of a bomb somewhere in the high school. The fire and police departments were called, the building was evacuated and then searched. Twenty minutes later, students and teachers were readmitted, with no bomb found in the building.

## Two Minute Warning

To correct a state finding that the school's laboratory science program is two minutes short, five periods have been lengthened by two minutes each, making the school day 10 minutes longer, Principal Jack Rumbaugh said.

compiled from staff reports, 1987-1988

## Supreme Court favors Shaker's barricade case

Dispute between Cleveland, Warrensville and Shaker reaches peak in Ohio Supreme Court

After almost 10 years of disagreements between Shaker Heights and neighboring cities, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled traffic barriers on Ingleside and Avalon Roads legal. Associate Editor Michelle Brode captured community reactions. The barricades, erected in 1978 on Shaker's southern border, have been disputed since their installation. Cleveland and Warrensville Heights immediately challenged Shaker's decision to put them up, claiming they cause extrajurisdictional effects. The Supreme Court decided that Shaker's installation of barricades was not "clearly unreasonable and/or arbitrary, capricious or pursued in bad faith." Cleveland Assistant Law Di-

rector Donald Black disputed the ruling. He said, "to put a barricade on a street is the most extreme regulative action a city can take." Black added that there are alternatives for Shaker to consider in their dealings with the concerns of Lomond and Sussex residents. Homeowners are worried about noise, pollution, hazards to their children and pets, difficulty in access to their driveways and general personal safety. In 1976, the streets were restricted to one way traffic only and two years later the streets were completely blocked off. The subsequent increase in the traffic on Cleveland and Warrensville Heights streets is what Black considers negative extrajurisdictional effects.

**IN THE CITY**  
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Erected in 1978, these barricades have caused much controversy. Cleveland city council member George Forbes said that the installation of barricades in Shaker was racially motivated. "If there is one thing that's clean, it's that the issue is not a question of black versus white," stressed Shaker Heights Mayor Stephen Alfred. Shaker Law director Margaret Cannon said of the Lomond-Sussex community, "it's an extremely diverse community... it was integrated then, when the dividers were put up, and it's integrated now."

written by Michelle Brode

## Thornton Park gets makeover

Renovations to rec facilities include two new locker rooms and redone tennis courts

Thornton Park, a staple in the recreational life of Shaker Heights, underwent extensive renovations in 1987. Staff Reporter Sarah Davis ('89) brought the story to SHHS. In the spring of 1987, Thornton Park initiated extensive repair work on the swimming pool and tennis courts, while renovation of the skating rink and locker rooms began in the fall of '87. This overhauling of Thornton's facilities included the removal of the high diving board. "The high dive is what's known as an attractive nuisance," said Bill O'Brien, director of Thornton Park, located on Farnsleigh Road. According to O'Brien, it greatly added to the insurance premium and "no one really dove off it anyway." The pool's repairs also reduce the chance of mishaps.

The lower deck cement was replaced, eliminating what O'Brien called a "trip hazard." The rest of the cement has been patched, a new filtration system installed and the pool repaired. A facelift to the tennis courts was even more extensive than the one to the pool. "The courts were completely rebuilt," O'Brien said. Plans have not been formalized, but renovation according to O'Brien, will most likely include four new locker rooms and a community room for meeting and parties. Two locker rooms will accommodate summer swimmers and the other two will be used for the rink. In the winter, the hockey players will use the swimming locker rooms. Up until the renovation, the hockey players were expected to use the bath houses in the winter months.

**IN RECREATION**  
**JUNE 8, 1987**

written by Sarah Davis





Students at Shaker and people across the nation find themselves having to choose between the appealing tastiness of unhealthy fast food and healthier food such as vegetables, fruits and other non-fried substances. It may seem hard to find out exactly how unhealthy fast foods are for you, but most restaurants are happy to give you a health fact and ingredient sheet upon request. With a little effort, it is simple to balance your diet by choosing the items best for you from the menu. Though it may seem simple to balance a nutritious diet, some high school students like to eat fast food in order to rebel against authority. "I like to eat fast food, because I'm a wrestler, so I'm not supposed to eat that kind of stuff," sophomore Akram Elitnay said.

## It Tastes good, but is it good for you?

BY JULIE REDLINE  
Staff reporter

We all know the feeling. Stopping at a fast food restaurant on the way home from school or work and agonizing over the amount of weight that you will put on in the next 30 minutes. You know the food is unhealthy, but it's too good not to eat. Well, there are ways to enjoy the taste and avoid overloading on calories and fat.

Experts warn of the potential harm of any food that tastes good, and fast food is no exception.

However, health specialists also know that most Americans cannot abandon their cherished hamburgers and french fries. Instead, experts suggest the age-old solution: everything in moderation.

"It is OK to eat fast food occasionally, like once or twice a month, but not as a steady diet," nutritionist Mary Beth Kavanagh said. "The problem is that teens consume too much. Fast food adds calories, fat and sodium to the diet, which can cause weight gain or heart disease. Another problem is most fast food does not have enough nutrients, fiber or calcium."

A comparison of cheeseburgers from McDonald's, Wendy's and Burger King reveals surprisingly similar nutrition facts. McDonald's and Wendy's both offer 320-calorie cheeseburgers that have 13 grams of fat. Though Burger King prides itself on making healthier flame broiled burgers, their standard cheeseburger has 40 more calories and 6 more grams of fat than its rivals' versions.

Certainly 320-360 calories in a meal won't blow the typically recommended daily diet of 2000 calories and 65 fat grams. It's the extras—french fries, milkshakes and large soft drinks—that send the calorie counts sky high.

French fries, especially in larger portions, are definitely a food to avoid, according to Kavanagh. McDonald's and Wendy's large and biggie fries each pack in 450-470 calories and 22 grams of fat. Burger King's slightly larger king-size fries are substantially more foreboding, weighing in at 590 calories and 30 grams of fat. After eating one serving of king-size fries, a person has already consumed more than 25 percent of the average daily recommended calories and almost half the recommended fat.

Taco Bell does not compare easily to burger chains because of the difference in menus. However, the Taco Supreme, with beef, cheese, tomatoes and sour cream, can be best compared to a cheeseburger. At 220 calories, the Taco Supreme has significantly

fewer calories. Taco Bell's regular nachos have at least 100 fewer calories than any of the french fries.

These numbers add up to a lot, but there are ways to improve your fast food picks.

According to the McDonald's web site, www.mcdonalds.com, "All McDonald's menu items can fit into a balanced diet, and we offer a number of menu items that fit especially well within a lower fat diet. These include... a regular hamburger, a grilled chicken deluxe sandwich without sauce or a freshly tossed salad."

Kavanagh also suggests ordering a McDeli Sandwich from McDonald's or the salad bar or baked potatoes from Wendy's. Also, McDonald's will prepare a lower fat, meatless cheeseburger.

One reason to avoid meat at fast food restaurants is the extra sodium that is added to help the meat retain its flavor. Another reason is that many meat items are prepared in fat.

"Mainly stay away from fried stuff like fish filets and chicken nuggets," Kavanagh said.

The nutritional content of chicken nuggets ranges widely. One of the highest-calorie versions of the popular meal can be found at Dairy Queen. The DQ Chicken Strip Basket contains 810 calories. Lower calorie nuggets are available in varying sizes at McDonald's.

Many people are quick to believe that a chicken sandwich from a fast food restaurant is healthier than a hamburger. A look at calories and fat, however, reveals a different story.

Both McDonald's grilled chicken deluxe and Burger King's BK Broiler chicken sandwich have almost 200 more calories than regular hamburgers.

As the McDonald's web site points out, a key to eating these chicken sandwiches healthier is to order them without the sauce or mayonnaise. On the BK Broiler, the mayonnaise almost triples the fat content of the meal.

One fast food restaurant that offers relatively healthy chicken options is Chick-Fil-A. Their chargrilled chicken deluxe sandwich has fewer calories and only one ninth as much fat as a BK Broiler.

So the next time you pull into your favorite fast food chain drive-thru, don't feel guilty about indulging in a quick meal. Just remember not to make McDonald's a nightly stop, and whenever possible, make wise food choices.



Emily Phillips/The Shakerite

## And the winner is...

In a tasty but unscientific survey, Shakerite picks Rally's

Rally's  
burger:   
fries:   
cleanliness/service:

Although the service is lacking and there is no designated eating area, the food definitely makes up for these flaws. The "Champ burger" is a basic quarter-pound hamburger, but Rally's condiments and vegetable choices give it a distinct taste that wins with us. The fries are unique and are a refreshing break from your average run-of-the-mill potato. The seasoning of the fries is similar to the famous Arby's Curly Fries, but the fries have a shoestring shape and are served in a convenient cup-shaped holder. The price is right, too: the combo meal was around fifty cents cheaper than other fast-food chains. The only thing missing was chicken nuggets. Our only complaint is the service. The woman who was working the drive-thru window was also doing everything else. Because she was talking to so many people at once, it became confusing, and when we asked her to clarify, she snapped at us several times.



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McDonald's  
burger:   
fries:   
cleanliness/service:

McDonald's served up the best service and cleanliness of all the restaurants, but its food offset these qualities. The Quarter-pounder was decent while we ate it, but afterward it left an awkward taste in our mouths. The fries were both warm and well-salted, which made them enjoyable. The nuggets were crispy on the outside and overall, very good.

## Have you had your fast food break today?

### Who thought of *your way* and what makes it right

BY LIA SILVER  
Centerpiece co-editor

Do you find yourself pondering how the fast food place that you just ate at came to be? Do you continuously tear yourself apart, wondering how the piece of meat on your bun lived its life before it became a hamburger? Have you ever really racked your brain trying to figure out why fast food is just so appealing?

Wonder no more.

Almost all fast food chains started as some man's dream of starting an ideal bunch of restaurants. Ray Kroc, who served as chairman of McDonald's from 1968 to his death in 1984, knew that people liked to eat and run. When he encountered the restaurant owned by Dick and Mac McDonald, he dreamed of making it into a chain. In 1961, he purchased "McDonald's" from the brothers for \$2.7 million—and it became the largest restaurant company in the world.

According to Laura Rado, marketing manager at Wendy's, Dave Thomas always wanted to go into the restaurant business. Since childhood, he had hoped to own a place with friendly service, short waits and great food. However, he never in his wildest dreams imagined that the little restaurants that he first opened would turn into a \$70 billion a year industry (which celebrates its 30 year anniversary this year).

Burger King was established in 1954 by James McLamore and David Edgerton in Miami, Florida. Both men had extensive restaurant experience and wanted to open a restaurant with quick service, affordable prices and an attractive, clean environment. Burger King started off selling hamburgers for 18 cents a piece and now attracts about 11.8 million customers a day.

People are willing to wait in line for as much as a half an hour in order to get their hands on a mouth-watering fish fillet sandwich. Students will sacrifice their entire lunch period sitting in a drive through, adding more and more irony to the term "fast food" by the minute—just so that they can bite into a savory bacon cheeseburger. So, what exactly makes fast food so darn lovable?

"I like fast food because its easy to get," sophomore Steely Bacon said.

Other students are crazy about specific kind of fast food.

"I like Taco Bell. It's fun to eat because it's different from all the rest," senior Jon Slain said.

Some people, however, would choose a home cooked meal over fast food any day.

"I don't like [fast food], because I like cooking my own food," freshman Jay Frate said.

While the majority of fast food loathers avoid it, others actually protest it.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has launched an "Anti-McDonald's Campaign," and this October was the fifteenth annual Anti-McDonald's Day.

In a 1997 lawsuit, McDonald's was found "culpably responsible" for cruelty to animals. Claims against the fast food chain include: cramming chickens into dirty and suffocating warehouses, raising pigs in cement cells, and only stunning one in 20 animals before they are killed.

Despite these allegations, McDonald's claims to be giving the best service possible, and it is very involved many communities around the country. McDonald's celebrated national Founders Day this year, from October 4-8, in which employees honored founder Ray Kroc, by volunteering 25,000 hours to nonprofit organizations. McDonald's also established the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) designed to benefit cities across the world.

Most fast food restaurants are dedicated to being as efficient, attractive and affordable as possible.

"[Wendy's] motto is 'fresh, fast and friendly.' Our goal is to have every customer through the drive-through in under 30 seconds," Rado said.

Burger King  
burger:   
fries:   
cleanliness/service:

Burger King supplied good food, but nowhere decent to eat it. After a relatively short and efficient line at the cash registers, we took our Whopper combos back to the tables, which were sticky and ketchup-stained. Although we couldn't help but be a little put off by the surroundings, the food made up for it. The Whopper was probably the best burger we tasted, with a special sauce that made it unique. The new formula for the fries makes them crispy, but also leaves a strange aftertaste. The chicken tenders were a disappointment. They were big enough, but the insides were tough and the outsides tasted as though they were deep fried. One nice quality of Burger King was the open soda fountain. We didn't have to wait in line for refills.



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Wendy's  
burger:   
fries:   
cleanliness/service:

Both the food and atmosphere of Wendy's make it a general favorite of Shaker citizens. While neither the burger or fries stuck out in our memories as exceptional, they are both of decent quality. The chicken nuggets, on the other hand, were delicious morsels of crispy and juicy goodness. Although the service is slow, the atmosphere makes up for the poor service.

all ratings out of three

By Megan Kortemeyer, Meghan Dwyak, Nikkie Majorczyk and Stephanie Gabarik



# The dating game, Shaker style

• In this new day and age, high school students have different dating styles than parents who dated before

Fade to a candle lit dinner for two in a fancy restaurant. Classical music plays in the background. Flowers, romance, the works. This picture comes to mind when students think of a date. Like most things in this uncertain and evolving world, however, dating has changed. It seems the time-honored art of dating is lost, and few Shaker students are looking to recapture it.

By Laura Barnes and Midge Denton  
Staff reporters

When the word *date* comes up, many people picture scenes fresh out of the '50s. A boy and a girl, alone at the drive-in, sharing a milkshake at the local soda fountain or dancing at a marathon sock hop.

But according to students, dates like this don't happen anymore. The images are nothing more than artifacts of another era.

## This is how we do it

Today, the romantic, one-on-one date has given way to groups of friends hanging out.

"In high school dating, it's more of a group," sophomore Katie Forbes said.

"Times have changed and people do more group dating. It's more comfortable," senior Whitney Karfeld said.

Students say group dating takes pressure off of individuals and liberates people from awkward silences or the fear of saying something that will doom a date.

"It is easier to go in a group because your friends are there to talk to you if anything goes wrong and can give you feedback on the person," freshman Tikima Baker said.

Students and adults

alike offered explanations for the change in dating patterns. One theory points to increased opportunities for women resulting in less dependence on dates for entertainment.

"Girls are more independent and confident these days," sociology teacher Todd Torrence said.

According to the 1999 World Almanac, the average age of marriage in America has become increasingly higher. In 1985 the average age of marriage was 25.5 for men and 23.3 for women, whereas in 1997 the numbers rose to 26.8 for men and 25 for women. Perhaps as a reflection of this trend, young people are postponing serious dating.

"Only 20-something-year-olds date," senior Andrea Abramoff said. "I think people are looking for dates when they're worried about marriage."

Some students say the change in



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In the wild game of dating, which traces back to the beginning of humankind, men and women have each played their respective roles. The males have been the dominators, the decision-makers and the first to make the moves. The women have been the passive dependents; however, as Bob Dylan said, "The times, they are a-changin'."

dating rituals reflects a changing culture.

"People don't date, because trends change with time. So what a date was then — a movie and dinner — is now partying and having fun," senior Jeremy Moore said.

## The games we play

Although any old-school Greek person would argue that Cupid, the God of love, has everything to do with the synthesis of a new couple, in this day and age, magic and mythology don't bring people together. Sometimes the brave soul has to take the initiative. And here's where the gender plot thickens.

Guidance counselor Freddie Holman and science teacher Charlie Morgan both said guys did the asking when they were in high school. Judging by the comments of students, that practice hasn't changed much.

"Boys initiate the date," sophomore Benae Jones said. "If it was the girl, it would seem trappy."

Junior Chonda Cannon said traditional gender roles dictate who initiates a date. "Boys. It's tradition," Cannon said.

However not everyone agreed with this persistence of gender roles. According to Spanish teacher Valerie Bassin, tradition doesn't prevent girls from participating. "It was the girls who initiated the conversations and flirting," she said.

Senior Natalie Smartt said that girls were more likely to initiate a date because "they're more bold."

Math teacher Allan Slawson said, "Girls probably feel more free to ask guys."

## The parent problem

The date has been arranged, reservations have been made and everyone is getting excited. Nothing can hold the lovebirds back from their dating bliss, except for their parents.

Much to the dismay of the dating couple, many parents, past and present, want to meet their child's date.

"My parents always had to meet who I was going out with," Holman said.

Economics teacher Diana Jones said that her father had some rather interesting experiences with her dates. He forced one date to get a haircut and insisted on taking

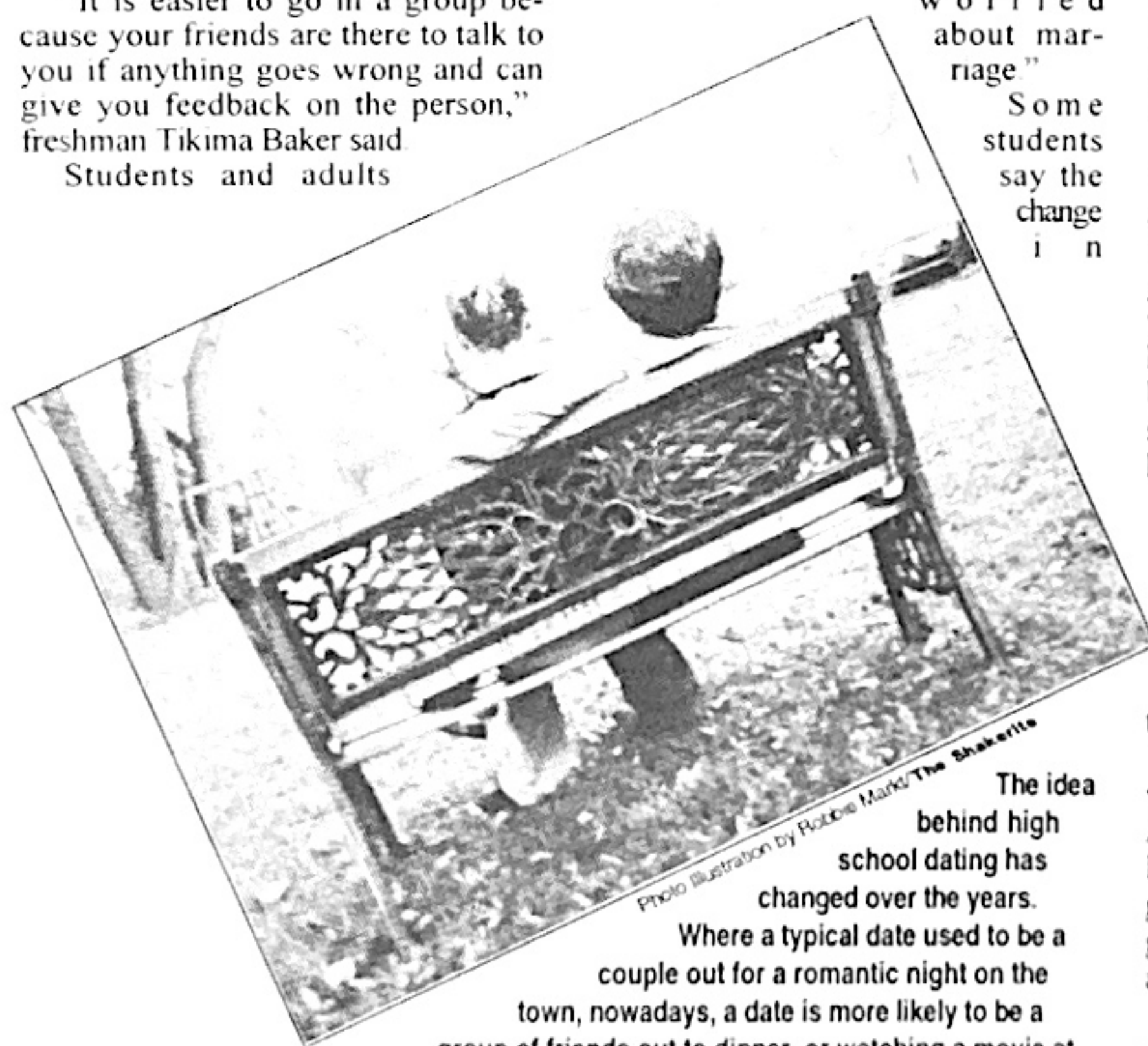
her twin sister's prospective date on a driving test before allowing him to take his daughter out.

Senior Kimberly Harris said that her parents don't ask to meet her dates, but she likes them to just in case anything goes wrong.

Some students aren't so thrilled with their overprotective parents.

"My mom is always trying to find something wrong with everybody I date," sophomore Stephanie Hart said.

Sophomore Danielle Kelley said of her mother, "She wants to meet him to see if his pants are up on his butt . . . to make sure he doesn't have too many holes in his head."



The idea behind high school dating has changed over the years.

Where a typical date used to be a couple out for a romantic night on the town, nowadays, a date is more likely to be a group of friends out to dinner, or watching a movie at a friend's house. Teenagers have lost their drives.



# Pick a rock, paper, number?

• How do you chose someone? Feature co-editors collide

By Jesse Griffiths and Nate Auerbach  
Feature co-editors

Three teenagers are sitting outside. They're hungry. One has two Snickers bars. Obviously, the owner gets one, but how do they decide who gets to indulge in the second? Keep in mind that these three were absent the day they taught sharing in kindergarten.

The two pals could wrestle for the last scrumptious candy in a last-man-standing hard-core match, but that could lead to black eyes and fat lips, and really, who can enjoy chocolate when they are donning a shiner?

They could each give a one-minute speech proving why they should get the candy, but the speeches may be hard to hear over growling tummies.

So how do they decide?

J: They could turn to rock, paper, scissors. But this tactic requires no skill, and each starving child would be too dependent on blind luck. Or, of course, pick a number! Yes, that's the ticket!

For all the friends and foes who don't remember the rules of "pick a number" they are simple, and everyone can do it.

1. Neutral party picks a number between one and 10, keeping the number in mind. In this case, the owner of the candy would pick a number, let's say he picks nine.

2. Each party hoping for the treasure tries to guess the number. Here, both of our hungry spectators would pick a number. Say A picks four and B picks seven.

3. Both reveal their numbers.

4. Neutral party states his number. Whichever of the hungry fools is closer to nine earns the candy. Here, subject B gets the Snickers.

N: That's the worst idea I've ever heard! The only smart thing she said was "They could turn to rock, paper, scissors." Nothing makes more sense.

In today's corrupt society the only sane and proper method in decision making is a best of three series of this simple game. For those of you who have been raised in a barn by penguins in the South Pole, this is how it works

1. On the count of three, the two contestants each throw out, to the center, one of their hands in the shape of a rock (first), paper (flat hand), or scissors (1st and 2nd fingers extended).

2. Scissors cuts paper, paper beats rock, and rock smashes scissors.

3. The first to win two of these matches is awarded the Snickers.

It's in fewer, simpler steps than picking a number, which relies merely on guessing, not strategic planning.

J: There really are quite a few reasons why picking a number is better than rock, paper, scissors. For example, if the starving kids throw their hands down too fast, this could harm the wrist and potentially cause not only carpal tunnel syndrome, but also increase their chance of developing arthritis. There is no potential physical damage when picking a number.

Although some students might protest that thinking too hard could cause your brain to hurt, this has been scientifically proven to be untrue. Therefore, no ears will bellow smoke, and no splitting headaches will result from picking a number.

N: That is why Nike has just approved



a model for protective gloves for rock, paper, scissors. This game is built on accuracy, rather than blind guessing. In competing up to three times, you discover your opponent's thinking process and flaws.

Also, if you delay your throw in the slightest bit, you can change your hand's object portrayal according to that of your opponent. Thus, this process involves quick-

ness and awareness as well as intelligent masterminding.

J: Right, Nike gloves, if you can afford them. Come on now. Who really buys expensive apparel to aid in deciding who gets a candy bar? This, my friends, is why Nate's way is - to put it simply - lame. Imagine if one of our two starving souls was nursing a previously broken hand. Please explain to me how exactly they are supposed to throw down when they can't even move their fingers?

N: That is why humans have two hands. Now if that's all the argument you have, then I have easily won. Picking a number just isn't innovative. Where's the fun, where's the excitement? You have two people competing and 10 numbers to

choose from. Talk about overwhelming; these teenagers already have so much on their minds. How are they supposed to choose one number? This is rock, paper, scissors world. Everything else is just paying rent.

J: Were you asleep when they taught you how to count, many moons ago in grade school? Choosing a number only requires a kindergarten education. It's quite simple actually. All you have to do is (gasp in surprise) think of a number, any old number. Okay, folks, you try now. There, now, was that so hard?

Picking a number also involves less anxiety than rock, paper, scissors. You have no worries about what sort of fool you will look like if you mess up, throwing out four fingers instead of two. These are legitimate worries which course through the minds of the rock, paper, scissors players. Do you, Nate, really think that the teenage mind needs one more thing to stress them out or cause them anxiety? Oh, I think not. Now who's paying rent?!

N: This is not a nail-biting activity. No participant of this game cares what is thought of their move. Face it: rock, paper, scissors is a more accurate way to determine a victor and more fun in its direct inclusion of players.

Rock, paper, scissors is, in a way, a national pastime. For generations, children of all ages have amused themselves in the complex wonderment of this extraordinary recreation. Picking a number is too educational. This would cause our beloved teenagers to encounter brain farts.

J: Although my buddy Nate brings up good points, I feel that rock, paper, scissors falls short. Picking a number is faster, stronger and more efficient than flailing hands. For the burning hunger that can't be suppressed, pick a number. Why wait?

J & N: Due to our deeply rooted feelings of friendship toward one another, we cannot argue about this any longer. After many hours of debating and contemplation, we reached a settlement: The competitors must hold a best of three rock paper scissors match to decide who gets to guess the number first.

## Pops never stops regulating at Shaker

• New car suggests power as students fear the security powerhouse

By Leonicia Berry and Liza Moody  
Staff reporters

Some might know him as "Pops," others merely by his famous growl, but how many students at this school really know Terry Lynch?

There are tons of rumors circulating about the former Shaker policeman.

"He was in Vietnam," freshman Phillip Kibbe said. "He sometimes growls at me."

Other unconfirmed rumors suggest, "He used to be in the CIA," freshman Doug Martin said.

"In my past I was attached to the state department, but if I was in the CIA, I couldn't tell you," Lynch said. "I did sign a document saying that I wasn't a part of the CIA when I was overseas in third world countries."

On the other side of the spectrum, there are those who have never even heard of Pops, let alone generated theories about his past employment.

"Pops? Who's that?" sophomore Theresa May said.

Oh I know, that dude from the Wayans Brothers," fellow

sophomore Alana Allen said.

Security guard, Matthew Tompkins described Pops as "unique," and confirmed that he was a former policeman and an avid golfer.

Pops himself had an interesting story about how he got his nickname.

"[I got the nickname] from students from before you guys were here because I'm the surrogate father of 1,700 kids here, and because I yelled at them," Lynch said. "But I yell at you guys, too. In fact I'm one of the most consistent people around here because I'm always yelling."

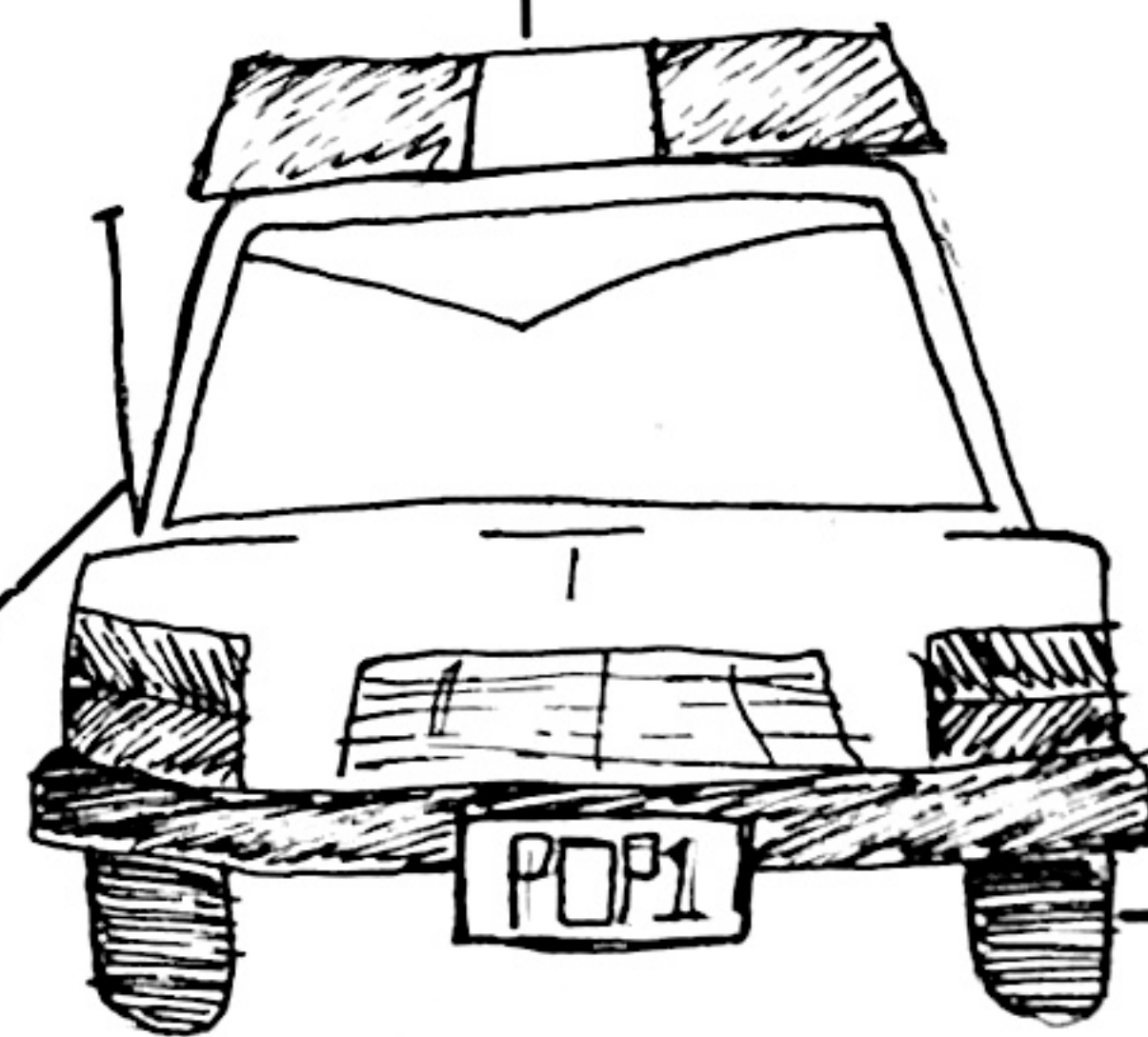
Pops, head outdoor-security guard at Shaker, said that his job title was "Poparusk." He also talked about his new car, which students have dubbed the "Popsmobile." He showcased

its features, such as a siren, which, in combination with his monkey noises, made a lovely duet.

"I love it. I'd like to thank all of the students who told the police chief that they felt Pops should get a better car," Lynch said. "Also the board of education and administration for ap-

**Siren:** This tool of code can be used as a warning signal to high school students attempting to illegally park in the administration lot

**Antennae:** This slender steal rod represents the direct connection to the police station from the car.



**Wheels:** These rubber harbringer of discipline/order roll around campus all day long. They travel 3/4 of a mile to circle just one oval

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teacher  
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proving it. I'm ever so grateful to them, especially the kids, and I'm sincere about that."

One of Pops' main jobs is to make sure that students don't park at the administration lot.

He is strict in administering the rules at the school. He uses several methods to enforcing the rules.

"Besides growling, I tell the kids that they cannot park there

It's not student parking. It is for the board of education, administrators and visitors, and if those people aren't there, then there would not be a school," he said.

Another one of Pops' duties is to monitor the kids at the triangle, where some students go to smoke between classes.

"Everyone knows the rules," he said. "Let's try our best to go by the rules and let's make a

good impression for our neighbors. We want to get some standards because after this, it's the real world. In high school, the main thing you're learning is responsibility and how to get along. They're still fellow students. Everyone's entitled to their own identity and I think they all deserve respect. But if they step out of line, they deal with the Poparusk."



# The bell rang. What's your excuse?

## • Students use the force to conjure up the perfect tale

By Justin Gurney and  
Jesse Griffiths  
Managing editor & Feature co-editor

There's a force deep within the souls of all high school students. Those who master it know its powers. It allows us to never, ever be late to class without a well developed, off-the-wall excuse.

Post-bell entrances push teachers over the edge, into the Dark Side. The only way to save yourself from Darth Teacher is to create a good excuse.

When students are tardy, teachers demand good explanations, or else. You must stand up for yourself. You can't fall to the dark side. Just before Darth strikes, a good excuse must fly off your tongue. It's the only way.

"The school's clocks are wrong. I refuse to give in," senior Mike Wilcox said. "I go by *Prevue Guide*. It says 7:58, not 8:00. I stand by my *Prevue Guide*."

Most Shaker students have yet to master this force, but a select few practice and study it without heed.

"I've been making good excuses since the fifth grade," senior Rachel Smith said. "I've mastered the art."

Others could use a little work, yet manage to avoid the wrath of the dark side.

"I'm only late to class because of band," sophomore Lee Steinbock said. "The teachers get mad at other teachers, not at me."

"I tell my science teacher that I am at my locker getting books," freshman Brandon Mitchell said, "but I'm really in the cafeteria getting candy."

It's scary. You're probably questioning your abilities right now. Is the force strong with you? Can you master this force?

The truth is that some are more able than others, but don't worry, there is help for you. Follow these words of wisdom:

- Crowded hallways. Not an excuse. It can be countered with "Everyone else got here on time," or for first period, "Get to school earlier."

- Lunch causes Darth to yell, "School comes before food. DETENTION!"

- Don't tell a teacher you drive. Lack of parking is no excuse. Teachers don't respect young drivers.

The bad excuses are obvious. You know what has and has not worked. Identify them now and discard them. Teachers are tricky; after all, they have mastered the ways of the dark side. They can tell by your eyes and by your heart beat. You, in turn, must also be tricky and original. Here are some tricks of the trade:

- Believe it or not, there is good in all teachers; hence, they can be brought back from the dark side. They are suckers for broken or injured bones and muscles. But make the limp look realistic. If it comes down to it, keep a crutch handy in your locker. Tell them you are heart-broken or that a friend needed help.

- Some teachers respect truth. Tell them what happened and that it won't happen again (This works up to 10 times).

- Never forget the much respected exaggerations, such as being abducted by aliens or chewed on by monsters. You could say you were killed, which would require you to come back from the dead to get to class, but you couldn't do it in time.

- Teachers hate when you are late because of another class. Each teacher thinks her subject is the most important.

- The best path to a good excuse is to study your teacher. Become familiar with the moves of Darth and learn to anticipate responses to thoughts and ideas. Play to their desires, but never allow them to detect the brown nosing. Subtlety can be your best friend.

"On my way to class I noticed this light, and so I was walking into the light and it turns out the light was from an alien space craft. They abducted me, performing all sorts of heinous tests on me. Turns out after all that, I was the wrong guy, but they didn't give me a pass," said senior Lee Ajayi.

May the Force be with you.

### Formula for the perfect excuse

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# Mountains and showers and pools - Oh my!

## • Feature editors visit the land of Newman Outfitters

By Jesse Griffiths and  
Nate Auerbach  
Feature co-editors

There is only one two-story building where you can rock-climb, kayak and camp, eat a bunch of nasty freeze-dried grub and drool over all the latest products from the trendy North Face company... FOR FREE.

This month, your courageous feature co-editors ventured to the distant Land-of-Many-Cul-De-Sacs, Solon. Here we found the ultimate haven for tree-huggers and hard core outdoors-lovers alike, Newman Outfitters.

This name may sound familiar to you for two good reasons. The original branch of this store is located on our own Van Aken Boulevard at Shaker Plaza. The company was founded by the parents of our prided alumnus, celebrity actor Paul Newman. See the connection? His brother and nephews have fallen into ownership and take charge of the two stores.

As of this past April, Newman Outfitters has been downtown Solon's greatest attraction. Why else would anyone make the trek out there? To spend \$7 on a movie?

After we walked around to absorb the amusing aspects of the store, Nate jumped at the opportunity to climb a 397 meter tower

of rocky Styrofoam. Jesse watched with a nervous feeling flowing through her veins as her beloved co-editor bravely strapped on the tightly confining harness, risking his masculinity. Then he hooked up the Caribiners to the safety rope so he wouldn't plummet to his death or crack his head open on the soft landing platform.

The warrior did not disappoint his fans, who, led by Jesse, waited anxiously at the bottom of the mountain, sporting Nate-Wear, as he jingled the bell at the top of the wall and rappelled back down to the ground level to embrace the common folk.

Once all the autographs were signed by Nate, we moved on to new adventures.

We found ourselves in any fisher's heaven.

Wall to wall waterproof pants, boots and hats. Basically folks, you name it, they had it. We decided to leave our conservative side behind and break loose for a bit. We tried on the suits and bombarded the workers with questions about the accuracy of the term "waterproof."

The employees shortly became annoyed by our line of questioning, so in attempt to stop the insanity, they escorted us to a magic booth.

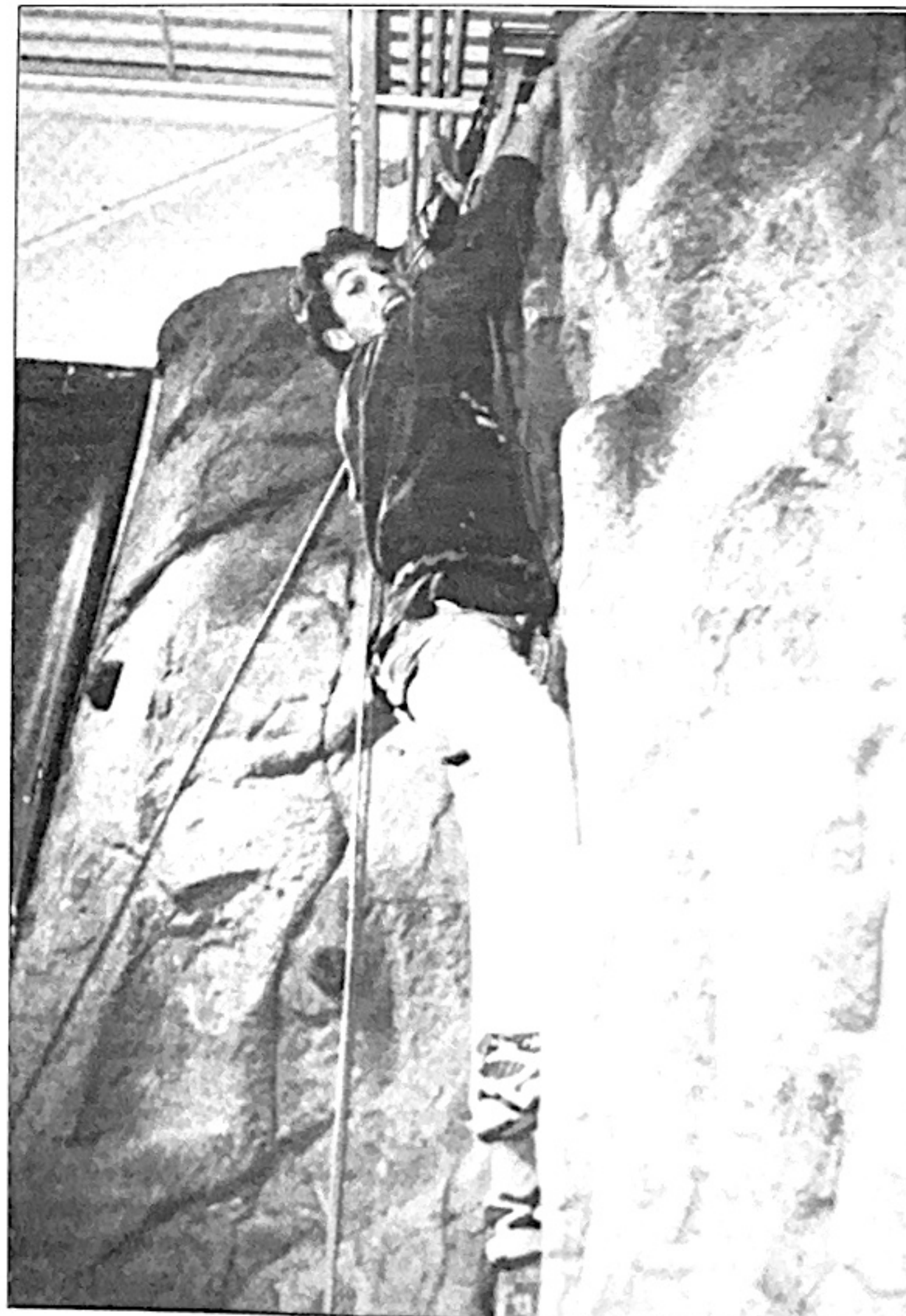
We were perplexed by what was contained in this booth,

which was more like a glass box. We were amazed to find that beyond the walls, a shower that tests the waterproof clothing awaited us. This is a very cool feature in the store, for Jesse spent hours in wonderment under a stream of constantly flowing water and even managed to maintain her dryness (but please, folks, beware of the John Carroll University student who brings soap and a shower cap into the booth. Apparently he and his roommate don't get along so well).

If you are looking to stay dry upon your visit to Newman Outfitters but still want to be like a fishy playing in the water, there is an alternative option to jumping in the shower. We were amazed to gaze upon a pool, in the center of the outdoor grandure, where people may opt to test the kayaks. If the employees are in a good mood, which from their pleasant disposition most likely happens all of the time, they might let you to swim a lap or two.

We decided not to founder freely like fishies once more. The sunlight began to fade, and our little feature eyelids were growing heavy.

With two adorable yawns we bid the festive employees adieu and drove into the sunset. We reviewed the days happenings and realized we would never be the same. Newman Outfitters indeed holds the unique power to change lives.



After your fun lovin' feature editors wondered through the Solon Newman Outfitters in amazement for a while, Nate jumped at the chance to climb the in-store rock gym. The Solon location is the sister store to the Newman Outfitters located at Shaker Plaza on Van Aken Boulevard.



# Shaker bands to compete in top Battle

• After five years, Elysian Fields is ready to take the big prize

By Megan Johnston  
Staff reporter

For a band that is approaching mythological status, the name Elysian Fields is appropriate.

"Instead of going to Mount Olympus, the Roman and Greek gods go to the Elysian Fields to play sports and drink nectar and stuff. That's where you want to go," said Joe Mallin, one of six juniors comprising Elysian Fields.

This six-member band has been in existence for nearly five years. The group has recently gained recognition due to its notable performance at the Battle of the Bands Oct. 17 at Peabody's Down Under in the Flats.

It all started when juniors Ethan Zinn and Chuck Sackman got an idea in sixth grade.

"We went through about 10 different people, and our final group has been playing together for about a year," Zinn said.

Elysian Fields' classic rock sound emphasizes musicianship. "We're kind of a

lyrics," Zinn said. "The songs change every time we play them."

Elysian Fields consists of juniors Zinn, Mallin and Sackman on electric guitars; Ryder on keyboards; vocalist Matt Schieman on acoustic guitar; and electric guitarist Steve Wilson. Wilson and Schieman are the band's lyrical braintrust.

"We pride ourselves on our individual instrumental skills," Zinn said.

When the band first started, they weren't looking for anything specific. "Chuck and Ethan just asked me to play, so I took some lessons," Mallin said.

However, now that the musicians have had some practice, their performance is beginning to mesh.

"Now that we have a keyboard and an acoustic guitar, there aren't any holes in our music. The last two members were a perfect fit," Zinn said.

As a test of the band's talent, the Battle of the Bands performance was a success.

"It was pretty awesome. We got an encore and we only had a 30-minute set,"

just gave us another gig. That shows trust," Mallin said.

The band was ecstatic. "I'm really happy that we got so many people to support us. It's very fun to have a crowd to add to the music," Sackman said.

"It was so fun looking down at the crowd and seeing someone I knew having fun," said Schieman.

"It was really cool getting hugs and congratulations from all of my friends the next day," Sackman said.

The band has since been fielding requests for recorded versions of their sound. However, the group has yet to make any professional recordings.

"Lots of people have been asking for tapes. It's fun now that people are actually starting to listen," Wilson said.

With the onslaught of enthusiasm, the band's practices have increased from one to two per week. In preparation for their next gig, they have already come up with three new songs.

"Because we're opening for Free-Bass, our new music is a little bit more funky," Zinn said.

Free-Bass is a funk group whose producer is George Clinton. "This is a pretty big deal," Mallin said.

If Elysian Fields conquers the next round of the Battle of the Bands Dec. 11, they will win \$500 and 20 hours of studio recording time. The competition will be held at the Odeon.

"The Odeon is a lot more prestigious," Ryder said. "It is more like a real concert atmosphere, unlike Peabody's which is basically a bar with a stage."

All members take pride in the depth of their play.

"We try to tell a story or take listeners on a journey when we play," Zinn said.



Junior Steve Wilson plays electric guitar in the band. "We pride ourselves on our individual instrumental skills," bandmate Ethan Zinn said.



The band takes a break after their performance at Peabody's. From left: Chris Ryder, Matt Schieman, Joe Mallin, Chuck Sackman, Ethan Zinn and Steve Wilson. Elysian Fields formed five years ago.

jam band in that we play long songs because we let everybody do their thing," junior Chris Ryder said.

All of their songs are original and spontaneous. "We just start playing around until we find something we like. We always play the music first and then add the

Ryder said.

The stunt at Peabody's was the first round of the Battle of the Bands.

After their first gig, the owner called the band to book them as soon as possible.

"The guy who gave us the first gig knows we have only played once and he

It is this journey that Mallin appreciates.

"I wouldn't be sane if it wasn't for this band," Mallin said. "It's my little release, and it's therapeutic. I love playing in the band."

**Come cheer on both Elysian Fields and another Shaker band, The Silver Company, at the Battle of the Bands.**

**When: Saturday, Dec. 11**

**Where: Peabody's Down Under in the Flats**

**Cost: \$6.00**

**Ask any band member for tickets.**

## Dan Goddard and The Silver Company playing for keeps

• Shaker sophomore leading his band toward musical success

By Rob Rains  
Staff reporter

Making your way down the carpeted steps to the basement, you are met by enough recording equipment to outfit GWAR.

With a \$3,000 eight-track digital recorder, a compact disc rewriter and enough guitars for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, sophomore Dan Goddard, lead singer and guitarist of the up and coming band The Silver Company, is ready to jam.

With fellow sophomores John Dingle (drums), Josh Kirshenbaum (bass), Matt Leseur (saxophone) and senior Mark Djokic (violin), Goddard has forged the nucleus of a musical rock group.

Goddard was first fascinated by music as a young child and quickly displayed his newfound love to his classmates in first grade at Onaway. "I wrote a song and sang it into a tape recorder," explains Goddard. "I brought it into class the next day and played it. They laughed at me."

If only Goddard's finger-painting peers could see him now. The Silver Company recently passed the first round of the Battle of the Bands contest, beating out more than a dozen local bands for a chance at \$500 and 20 hours of recording

time. "We were the youngest band there. Every time we played we thought we were gonna lose, man, we were going against bands twice our age," Goddard said.

Goddard said crowd response was a key to The Silver Company's success. "I was really touched by the support and the people [who] came out to see us," he said. With some hard work, the band was able to sell about 200 tickets. "We got a pretty good crowd," Goddard said.

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Mallin. The quartet started turning heads with their music. "We were called Snide," Goddard said. Snide made it to the finals of last year's Battle of the Bands.

"After we played the Odeon, everyone just lost interest. I wasn't really satisfied with our sound, so I wrote some new songs and then sat down with Dingle and we called Josh. It felt like we had a musical connection, which is something I never truly experienced."

"Mark [joined] and the band got even better. After we knew that we were in the

finals, I told Matt to come by and see what he could add to the group. We played this song called 'Free Tonight,' and once again I found myself with four other guys in a musical connection."

The other members of The Silver Company all feel that Goddard has a future in the music business.

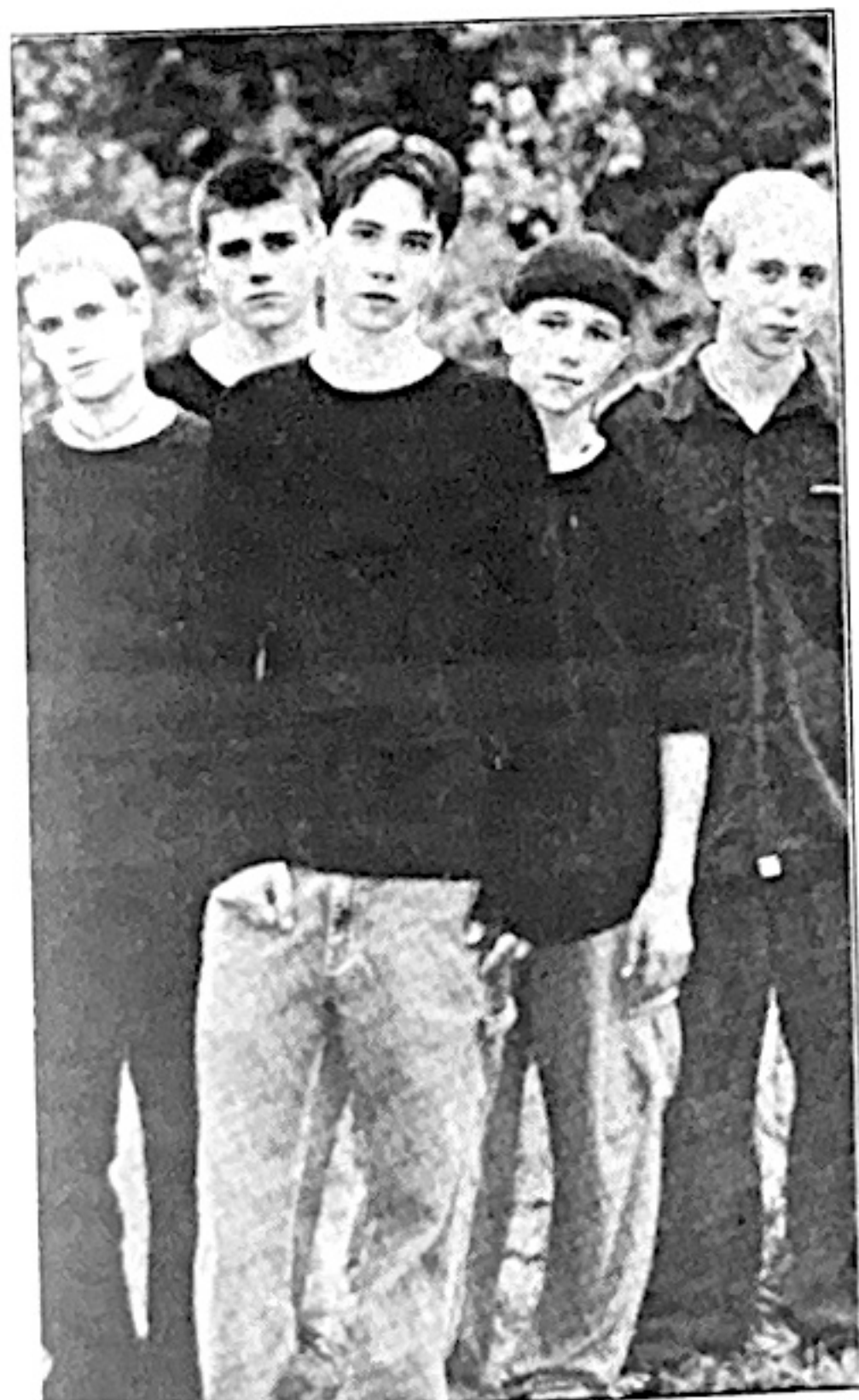
"He's got enthusiasm and insurmountable goals," says drummer Dingle.

"He's a creative genius with a lot of musical talent," adds manager Todd Levett. "He lives his music. Plain and simple."

Goddard received his first guitar from Toys 'R Us when he was 10. It was a \$100 purchase, more expensive than what he initially expected. "I came in to buy some Nintendo games and I saw this guitar. I had always wanted to play guitar."

The guitar was a black Synsonic with a built-in amplifier. "It was pretty nice for a \$100 guitar," he said. He barely got to play it before his new favorite toy fell down the stairs and broke. "That was really devastating," Goddard said.

When he was 12, his parents purchased a blue Yamaha and 10-watt mark amplifier, and Goddard joined the ranks of rock. "That was the happiest day of my life," exclaimed Goddard. "I would just sit in my room for hours figuring out Weezer and Aerosmith songs."



The Silver Company: from left, Marc Djokic, John Dingle, Dan Goddard, Matt Leseur, and Josh Kirshenbaum. "It felt like we had a musical connection," Goddard said.



# Who wants to watch some game shows?

• Game shows such as *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* explode in popularity

By Dave Chupek  
Staff reporter

Imagine you're sitting in the space-age leather chair, and the host is about to ask the all-important final question. The television cameras, bright lights and people in the audience are making you sweat, and the thought of 10 million viewers in their homes watching and waiting for your answer is filling you with anxiety. After what seems like an eternity, the question is asked. With your answer time rapidly diminishing, you take a stab at the question and wait for the host's response. "Congratulations! You're tonight's grand prize winner!"

Welcome to the world of exciting tension and high stakes that are quiz shows.

November of 1999 will be remembered for elections, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and game shows. Fox has a new show called *Greed*, which consists of pop-culture trivia questions and a total jackpot of \$2 million. MTV is coming out with its own show, *Webriot*. Currently, the best known new game show is ABC's *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*.

Despite the recent onslaught of these shows, not all Shaker students are happy with the trend.

"I think game shows are fake because no one ever seems to win the money," freshman Taylor Smith said.

Other students prefer the classic shows instead of the flashier new ones.

"I enjoy watching *Jeopardy*. When you can answer the questions by yourself, you feel good," said senior Yang Li.

Fox's *Greed* is hosted by Chuck Woolery and airs every Thursday from at 9 p.m. The show starts with five players on a team. The team must collaborate to answer trivia questions, relying on a leader to make final decisions. After four questions, Woolery invokes the Terminator feature, which allows one randomly selected team member to challenge a fellow team member for his money (hence the name). The show encourages infighting by awarding \$10,000 to every team member who elects to challenge his teammate. *Greed* offers a grand prize of \$2 million.

Sophomore Rosemary Yako enjoys watching *Greed*.

"I think *Greed* is a copy of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, but it gives people more chances of winning money," she said.

MTV's new game show *Webriot* is a unique attempt at interactive viewing. Not only can one watch the game show on TV, but it is also possible to play along with the contestants online. As of now the game can be downloaded and a pregame



can be played, but when the show premieres on Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. the actual game will be available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Along with the online game comes a chat room to get to know fellow contestants.

*Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* is the new game show hosted by Regis Philbin, but it is actually derived from a British TV show. The two shows are fairly similar in format. Michael Davis, the *Millionaire* executive producer, told *Entertainment Weekly* that the British version is hosted by Chris Tarrant and that Tarrant spends

more time messing with the contestants' minds.

On *Millionaire*, answering 15 questions correctly adds up to \$1 million. The contestants have three lifelines: 50-50, which eliminates two wrong answers, an audience vote, and phone-a-friend, which allows the contestant to call a friend from a list of names given to the show. The show's drama is amplified by Philbin's incessant query, "Is that your final answer?"

Philbin follows the question with a pregnant pause, apparently intended to encourage second guessing.

## Students work to make *Midsummer's Night* a dream

• Stage crew, costume designers prepare busily

By Meryl Kramer  
Exchange editor

As the December presentation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* nears, students must prepare both theatrical and technical elements.

Technical director and set and lighting designer Chuck Tisdale meets with his stage crew every Saturday preparing for this upcoming production.

"There's a certain magical quality that we're trying to create for this production," said Tisdale, who designs sets and creates lighting for all Shaker productions. Because the large auditorium is usually occupied during school, this process takes more than a month to accomplish. For the upcoming play, two main sets must be created: a palace and a forest.

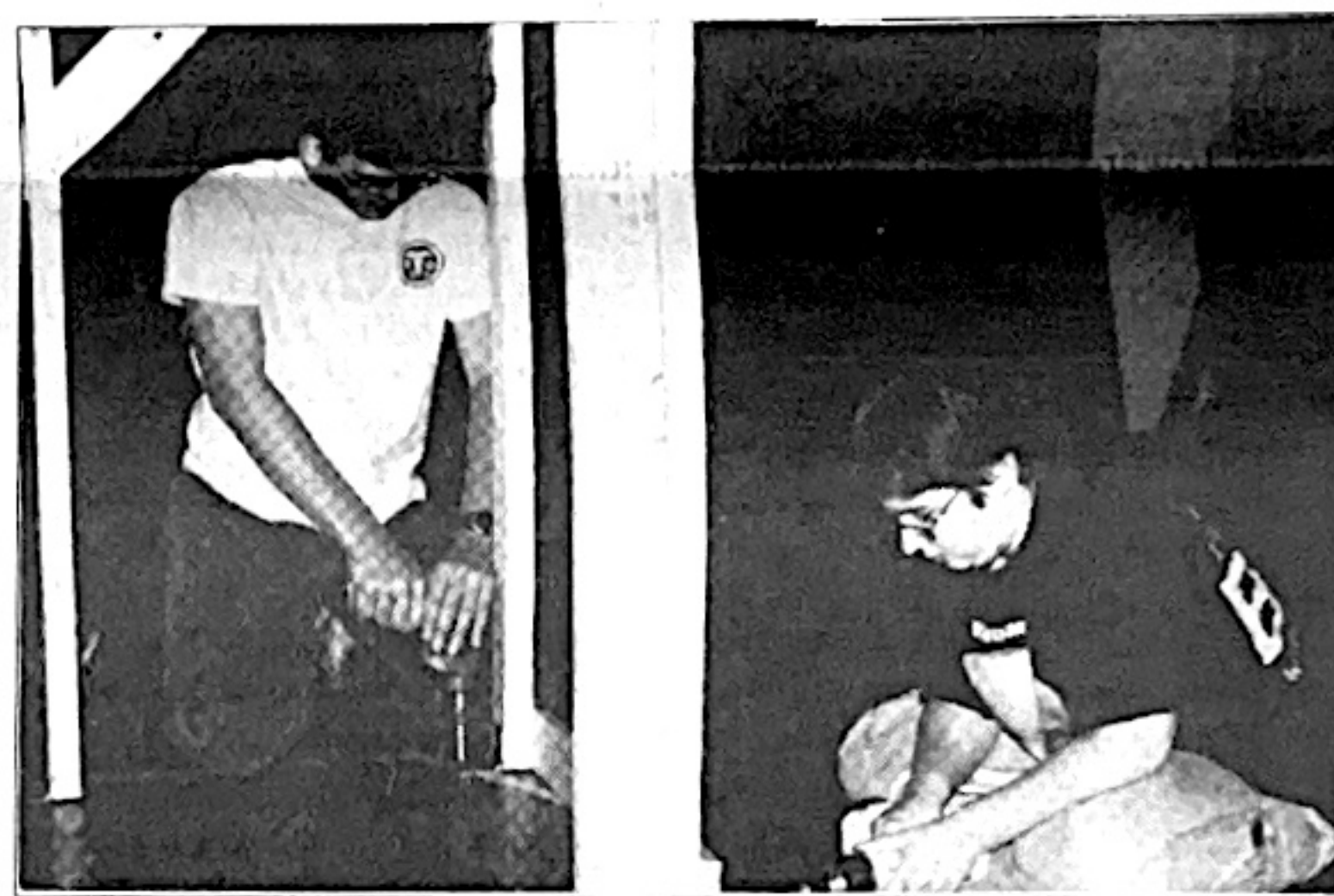
Joel Rathbone's Stagecraft students assist the stage crew in creating a successful production. Stagecraft pays attention to creating sets for certain plays as productions come about, but the rest of the year is mostly dedicated to art, theater and theater history.

Junior Dori Jackson has been in stagecrew for three years in addition to taking Stagecraft as a sophomore.

"It's a fun and productive environment and it gives you a chance to build things and see the kinds of things you can do with your hands," said Jackson, who enjoys dedicating after-school time and Saturdays creating sets.

English teacher Kelly Myers is the theater department's own costume designer. She has been preparing for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* since parts were cast in September. Myers, along with senior Jenna Wolfberg and three other students, sews costumes during and after school.

Myers begins by sketching costume ideas. After the drawings and fabrics are approved by director Ned Gallaway, the all-female sewing crew gets to work.



Shaker students who work behind the scenes have been very busy for the past few months preparing for the theater department's production of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* which will be performed the first week in December.

"I think these are the neatest fabrics we've ever had in all the four years I've been here. These are definitely my favorites," said Wolfberg, admiring the fabrics in Myers' costume closet.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is about Greek culture, yet is set in England. Because of the two influences, sets must convey different moods in order to be successful.

## MAGNIFICENT MUSICIANS



From left: sophomore Emily Bonem and junior Ashley Ravestien play their cellos. Both girls are members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, which is closely affiliated with the Cleveland Orchestra. The group performs three times a year. Sunday, Nov. 21 was one of those times, as they played at the Allen Theater downtown. There are seven Shaker students in the orchestra, but 100 musicians in all. Acceptance to the group is through competitive admission in the spring.

Megan Kortmeyer

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# The reviews are in...

• *Sleepy Hollow* will keep you awake, have faith in *Dogma*, Bob Dylan, Phil Lesh still classic crowd-pleasers in concert

## Movies

### Sleepy Hollow

Starring: Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci  
Rated: R

Dark, desolate settings, strange characters and white pasty faces — what could this be but a Tim Burton movie? The man who brought us *Edward Scissorhands* and *Beetlejuice* is back with his version of Washington Irving's classic tale of terror, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. In the movie, man of science Ichabod Crane (Johnny Depp) goes to the small town of Sleepy Hollow to investigate several murders by the so-called headless horseman. Crane is doubtful at first, but soon changes his mind after seeing the horseman in action. He embarks on a mission to find out why the horseman seeks vengeance and how to stop him before he kills off the entire town. He is joined on his quest by the mysterious Katrina Van Tassel (Christina Ricci). *Sleepy Hollow* is filled with adventure, mystery, humor and an overall sense of quirkiness that make it fun to watch. Best of all, it features an appearance by the scariest man alive, Christopher Walken, who plays the horseman before he loses his head. This movie is filled with twists that will keep you in suspense until the very end.



Megan Katermeyer

Out of Four

### Dogma

Starring: Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Chris Rock  
Rated: R

So here's the thing about *Dogma*—I would describe the plot, as is customary when writing movie reviews, but the script was written in such a way that it is almost impossible to completely understand unless you happen to be the Pope. The gist of the movie, though, is that two renegade angels (Ben Affleck and Matt Damon) think they have found a way back into Paradise. The complication is that if they succeed in returning home, they will prove God fallible, and thus negate existence. Abortion clinician and disenchanted Catholic Bethany (Linda Fiorentino) is chosen to stop the angels. Throughout her journey, she meets up with several people sent to help her, most of whom stepped right out of the Bible.

In general, the dialogue, replete with typical Kevin Smith quirkiness, was hilarious (how could it not be, with Jay and Silent Bob running the show?). However, I often found myself thinking, "Is this something I should remember from tenth grade English?" as many of the jokes were Biblical allusions or satires of common Church practices. I also wasn't really into the whole let's-purge-all-the-sinners-on-screen thing. Yuck. But *Dogma*'s redeeming qualities (the dialogue, Jay and Silent Bob) are enough to make it worthwhile.



Lisa Samols

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### The Best Man

Starring: Taye Diggs, Morris Chestnut, Nia Long  
Rated: R

This romantic comedy follows Harper (Taye Diggs) as he meets up with his old college buddies for the wedding of his best friend, Lance (Morris Chestnut). The trouble starts with the book Harper recently wrote, which is based on his friends' lives and reveals all of their past secrets. A violent scene erupts at the bachelor party when, after reading his book, the groom discovers that Harper has slept with his fiancée.

The movie contains many hilarious moments in the reunion of old friends, such as when the men discuss the pros and cons of monogamy, an overpowering girlfriend getting the boot and flashbacks to the college years.

Although the film becomes a little bit sappy toward the end, its original ideas, comedic characters and shots of a shirtless Taye Diggs are enough to make this a movie worth watching.



Lisa Moody

Out of Four

## Music

### Tori Amos

When Tori Amos set out to work on her fifth album, which she hoped would be a compilation of live material and B-sides, she ended up producing 11 new tracks.

The result is Amos' double CD *To Venus and Back* which cements a new style for the singer.

The first disc is composed of Amos' new tracks, which collectively are a sound

balance between Amos' earlier piano-based music and her later full band efforts. The first single, "Bliss," is an upbeat ballad about father-daughter relationships. The second single, "1000 Oceans," is a touching song about losing a loved one. The final single to be released is "The Glory of the '80's," a song in which Amos regresses to her hard-rock days when she was front-woman for the band Y Kant Tori Read?

The second disc is comprised of 13 live renditions of some of Amos' most beloved songs. Highlights include electric versions of "Precious Things" and "Cornflake Girl" and touching performances of "Cooling" and "Purple People."

This double-album will take you on musical journey all the way *To Venus and Back*.



Out of Four

### Bob Dylan & Phil Lesh

Since the death of the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia in 1995, mind-expanding, hemp-wearing folks known as Deadheads have faced a void in their lives. The future of the Deadhead movement was uncertain because no one knew if the other band members would continue to perform.

Indeed the "other ones" continue to make music. Phil Lesh, the Dead's bassist, has been touring with a band comprising members of Government Mule, the Allman Brothers and, on occasion, Phish. Currently he is splitting a bill with Bob Dylan. In Pittsburgh, they played to a crowd of Deadheads, Phish-heads and Dylan-heads. (I guess that's what they're called.)

Lesh opened with a strong version of "Dark Star" that got the crowd into the show. He also sang his trademark "Unbroken Chain," and closed with a powerful version of "Franklin's Tower."

Dylan opened with a great track, "Roving Gambler," but the set itself seemed to

alternate between crowd-pleasing anthems, ("Tangled Up in Blue" and "Desolation Row") and dull tracks such as "Shelter From the Storm" and "Blind Willie McTell."

The disappointment was forgotten as Dylan rocked on two final songs, "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right" and a cover of Buddy Holly's "Not Fade Away." Overall, the evening was filled with great tunes from two classic performers.



Nate Leven

Out of Four

### The Ghetto Love tour

Cash Money Records, producers of three current albums in the Billboard Top 100, made their first appearance in Cleveland on Oct. 30.

Delays plagued the first half-hour of the concert. The crowd was easily forgiving, however, because rap artist Too Short, who wasn't even on the tour roster, gave an excellent and lengthy performance. He sang tracks from both his new album and older classics, such as "Freaky Tales."

Ruff-Ryder's "First Lady" Eve appeared next, performing only three songs. She sang the well-known hit "What Y'all Want" and two more tracks from her album before exiting the stage. After a ten-minute wait, the Cash Money crew made their way onto the stage. They performed such chart topping hits as "We on Fire," "Bling Bling" and the raunchy "Back That Thang Up." Unfortunately, the group only graced the crowd with their presence for less than a half hour, and the bass volume was turned up to the extent that it was often hard to even discern the lyrics.

While the main attraction of the concert ended up being a partial letdown, Too Short's superb performance picked up the slack, and made the concert worth the ticket.



Jon Heller

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# Winter sports hope for record seasons

• Hockey aims to make state championship, swim team to win districts, men's hoops to repeat state final appearance

The men's swim team has a lot to live up to. After going an undefeated 8-0 last year, winning sectionals and winning districts, they can only hope to repeat the success.

"We're definitely looking to win districts again," junior Chris Ryder said, a third year varsity starter.

Seniors Malcolm Trier, Tommy Jimmison, Matt Kittle and Brian Immerman, along with Ryder and junior Matt Schieman lead the men's team under the coaching of Ernest Welsch. Also for the men, the addition of junior Cleveland Brown from Dayton may help extend the team's success.

The women's team

hopes to repeat triumphs, too. Last year the Raiders didn't lose in any dual meets.

"I hope we win districts," junior Katie Wamsley said.

Wamsley feels the team has a better chance, too. The LEL swimming divisions are restructured this year, so Hawken falls into another division.

Senior Kirsten Lund leads the team, along with juniors Emily Tetzlaff, Lynne Hoppe, Jes Burns, Katie O'Brien, Jaron Santelli and sophomore Claire Dietrich.

As for the diving team, with a new coach and practice location, divers are

looking forward to achieving new heights.

Senior Hilary Schwallie is pumped up for the season.

"I'm going for districts," she said.

Schwallie finished second in the LEL meet last year, along with sophomore Ashley Davies, who finished in fourth place.

"Hopefully we'll make districts, maybe even states this year," Davies said. "We were 035 points away from districts last year."



Junior Tracy Jacobs, left, hopes to beat Cleveland Heights this year.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

coach: Susan Brown

first game:  
November 30  
4:30 @ Laurel



Senior Erin Pope reaches for the ball in practice.

"I think we're going to do really well this year," senior point guard Christyn Paige said.

## Women's Basketball

30. Though Laurel isn't necessarily a rival, the Raiders are just as ready to get started.

"We're really trying to beat teams like Elyria and Cleveland Heights," said junior Tracy Jacobs.

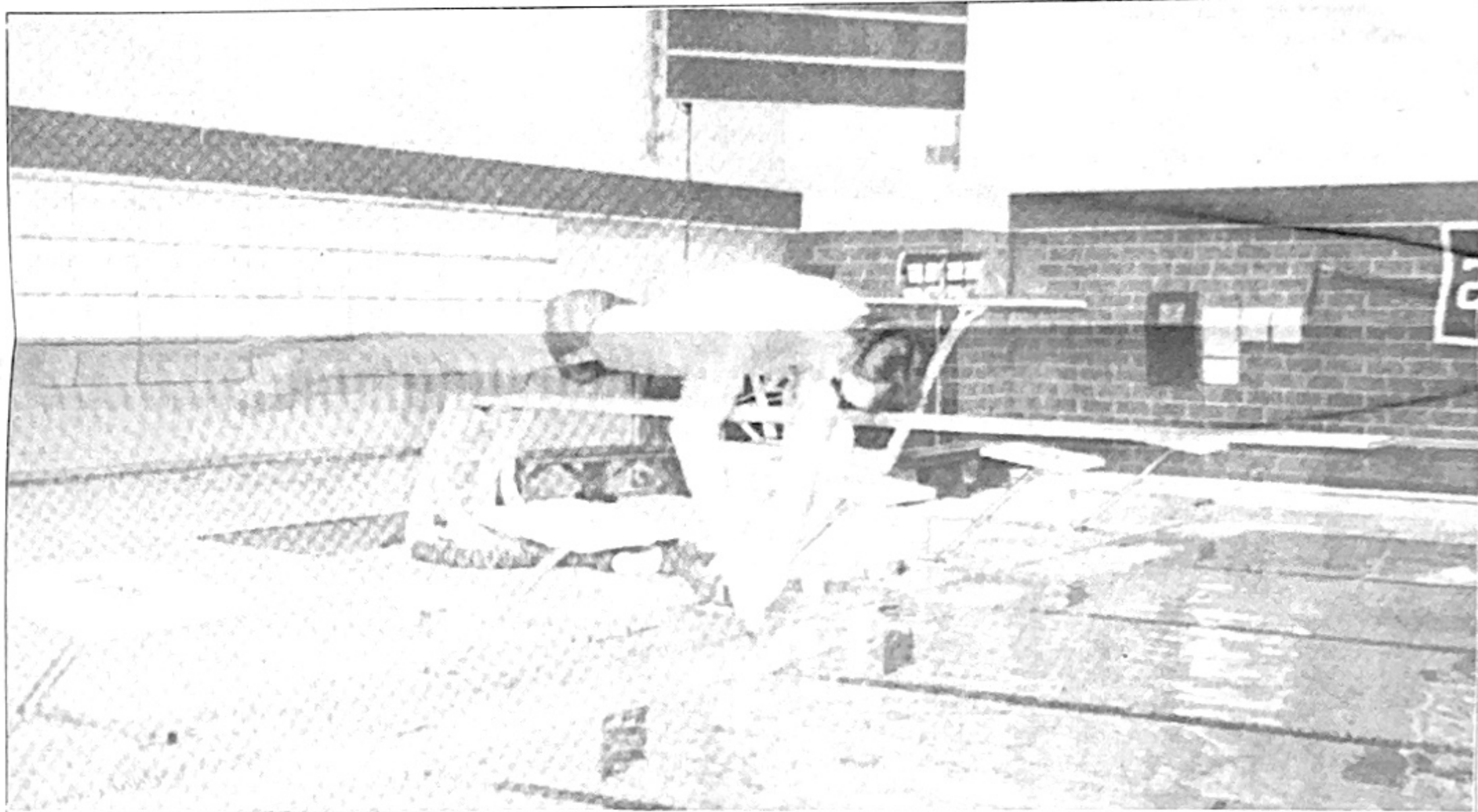
## DIVING

coach: Louis Helinger

• looking to make it to districts

• won Solon Relays last year

## Swimming and Diving



Junior Chris Ryder plunges his way into the season, hoping to help the swim team defend their district title.

## WRESTLING

coach: Hank Kornblut

last year's record: 9-5

first match:  
Dec. 3 @ 7:30  
Kenston Preview

The wrestling team is gearing up to be one of the top teams in the state. Despite the fact that three top wrestlers are out due to injuries, key team members including Tim Pope, William Pillow, Brandon Key, Rashaun Nelmsby, Sean Dean, Keith Butler and Brandon Brooks are ready to pick up the slack.

"I'm looking forward to the LEL dual meets. It's a team goal that I really want to make," Pillow said.

Head Coach Hank Kornblut is prepared to push the team to its highest potential.

"They have a good attitude, and I have high expectations for them in terms of individuals doing well," Kornblut said.

The team is enthused for the season, especially the Cleveland Heights and the Solon matches, which will be televised on WVIZ.

"I think we can do it. We're going to be a powerhouse this year," Pope said.

Pope said

Nicole Majorczyk

Senior Tim Pope struggles to force his opponent to the mat.



Senior Tim Pope struggles to force his opponent to the mat.

## Wrestling

Despite the empty net left behind by 1999 graduate Scottie Graham, Shaker hopes to rebuild and maintain its status as an Ohio power.

"We definitely have a lot of question marks, but we have two really solid lines," senior Howie Dingle said.

The team hopes to defend its Baron Cup Title again this year, making it the third time in a row.

Players such as Rashaun Ewing, Dingle, Carson Strang, Brad Schwartz, Khareef Clayton, Mike Perrin and Matt Shenk will step up to lead the team.

"We'd like to go back to state tournament and maybe win it," Ewing said.

The team is eager to face its rival, the University School Preppers, at home Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

"The players are certainly excited. We have a very nice nucleus of players, including very talented young players. We approach it one game at a time, and we're setting some lofty goals," head coach Mike Bartley said.

Nicole Majorczyk

## Hockey

## HOCKEY

coach: Mike Bartley

captains: Howie Dingle and Rashaun Ewing

last year's record:  
23-4-2

first game:  
Dec. 3  
9:00 pm @ Thornton



Seniors Rashaun Ewing and Matt Shenk battle in a face off during practice.



# GILBRIDE, COURTRIGHT REIGN IN NOVEMBER

## • Gilbride sets hockey field afire

Sport: Field Hockey

Year: Senior

**Achievement:** Gilbride started her junior and senior years as right halfback. This year, Lauren amassed 37 interceptions, including six against Hudson, and had 18 tackles in 14 games.

**Teammate's Comment:** "Lauren's such a fun person to play with. Her defense is so strong -- she's just great!"  
-junior Kelly Elliott

**Favorite Sports Memory:** "Sophomore year I accidentally threw my stick in the air and it went halfway across the field. It was the funniest thing I've ever seen!"

**Interesting Fact:** Gilbride started both years with her sister, junior forward Alyson.



Gilbride's defense as right halfback played a big part in the Raiders' 10-4-1 record this year. She dominated with 37 interceptions.



Lauren Gilbride

**"SHE BRINGS SO MUCH ENTHUSIASM TO THE FIELD."**

**-JUNIOR KELLY ELLIOTT**

## • Courtright keeps X-country in stride

Sport: Cross Country

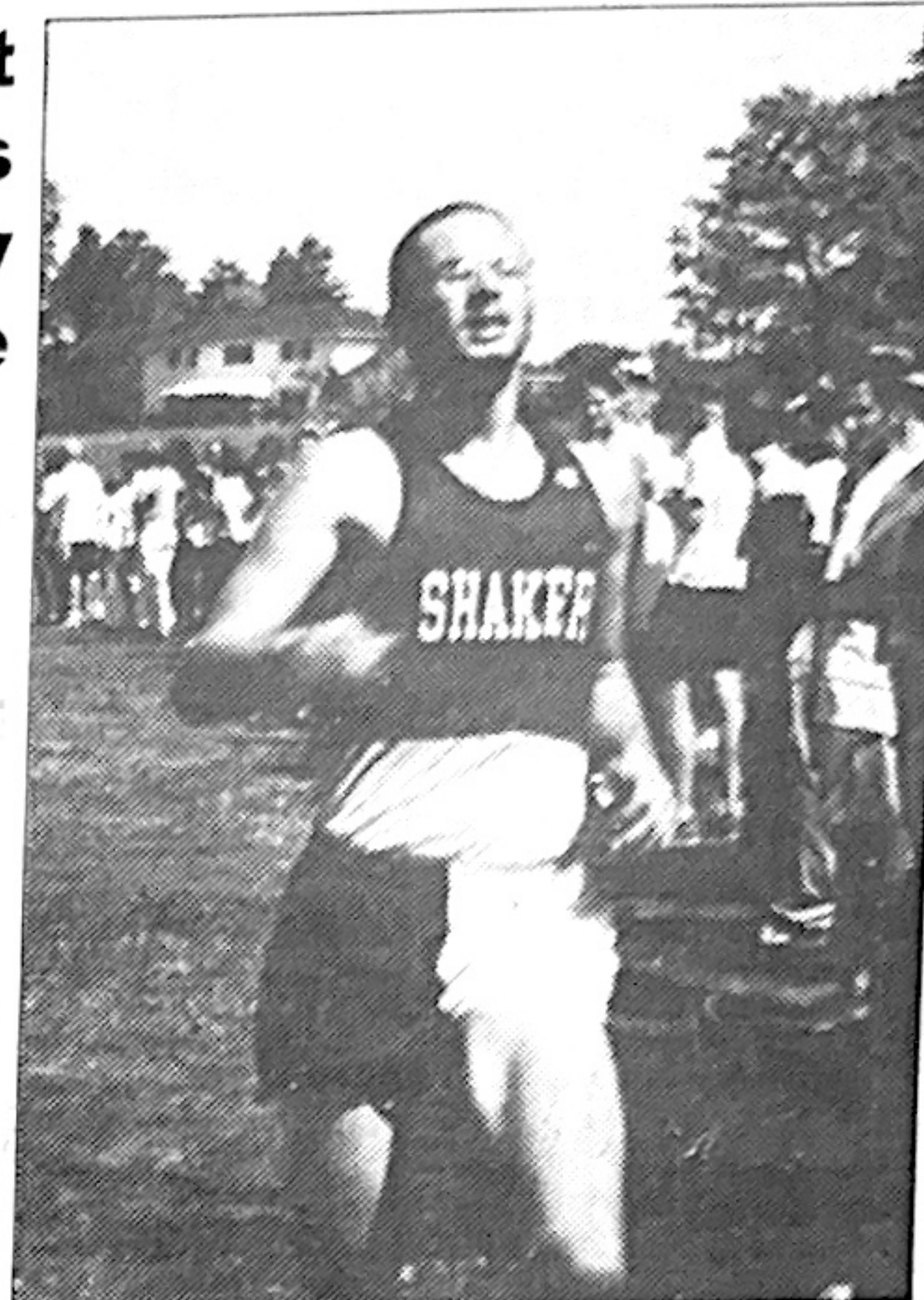
Year: Senior

**Achievement:** Courtright was All LEL in 1998 and qualified again this year. He placed in the top 14 in the Lake Division, and is a four-year letterman in cross country and track. He was the top cross country runner this year, with his best time at 17:41 for a 3.1 mile.

**Coach's Comment:** "He is our top runner, all LEL runner -- the only one on the team."  
-head coach Charles Richard

**Favorite Sports Memory:** "At Cloverleaf when we had a puddle in the middle of the course and Ross McDevitt took full advantage of it!"

**Future Plans:** "I'm looking at Division V schools and possibly majoring in German and religious studies."



Courtright led the cross country team to a 12-6 record. His best time for a 3.1 mile course was 17:41.



Stephen Courtright

**"HE WORKED HARD AND WAS A GOOD LEADER FOR THE YOUNGER RUNNERS."**

**-JUNIOR ZEKE HILL**

## JV hockey team takes the ice

### • Increase in athletes trying out leads to new squad

By Eric Edelsberg  
Staff reporter

For the first time in the history of the high school, the hockey team will have both a varsity and a junior varsity team.

The change came about due to the rise in the number of players trying out for the team.

"In past years I had 28-30 guys try out for the team, but lately I have had up to 40 people try out for the team," head coach Mike Bartley said.

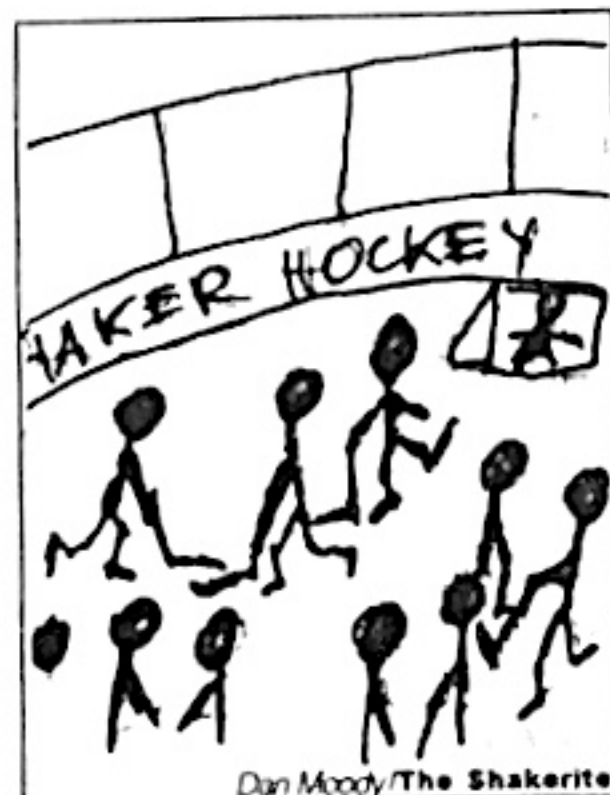
There will be two head coaches for the JV team. Will Simon, who played on Shaker's '93 state championship team, and Mark London, who played for

Shaker in the late '70s, will lead the team.

The plan will be for the JV and varsity teams to play on different days, a situation currently unique to the football squad. This schedule will allow Bartley to watch for upcoming stars on the JV team.

"It will give our younger players a chance to play at higher levels than they used to with the youth leagues," Bartley said. "It will definitely help our varsity teams in the years to come."

Another benefit of the split schedule will be to reduce the wear on the ice that would be caused by two consecutive games.



"It will help out the varsity team tremendously in years to come by giving us more depth because of the experience that the younger players will get," said junior Carson Strang, varsity center/forward.

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Gabrielle Caldwell was "slightly affected" by the Bay Village attack, but confessed that she still has faith in the hordes of people, including the parents, who attend her games.

"I heard about the guy in Bay Village and, yeah, it's not a good situation," she said. "But I won't be really scared until something like that happens at Shaker, and I believe that with our fans, it won't."

As a three-year member of the women's soccer team, junior Julia Bricker had never really pondered a parent growing angry enough to storm onto the soccer field.

"Someone doing something that drastic never really crossed my mind," said Bricker, who chuckled at the thought of her father attacking another player.

"If that happened to me, I would just be totally taken aback. I would do anything I could not to get involved in a situation like that."

Just what would possess a parent to bolt onto the field in a blind rage?

"A lot of times, parents become overly enmeshed with their kids' success," school psychologist Eric Waag said.

"Lots of parents have such investments in their kids' athletic futures. They

react as if that were them out on the field, not their son or daughter.

"Crowds can be brutal. Parents and fans can get caught in the heat of the moment and, basically, go off," Waag said.

What do the swarms of people who pack the Shaker bleachers think about the newfound scrutiny of fan behavior?

Roy Bragg, a two-year member of the basketball arena's Raider Pound, ad-

**"Crowds can be brutal. Parents and fans can get caught in the heat of the moment and, basically, go off."**

**ERIC WAAG**  
school psychologist

mitted verbally bashing opposing players, but pleaded for athletes' trust, explaining that his motive was not to hurt.

"We just get pumped and try to do whatever we can to get players out of their game. Basically, we psyche them out," he said. "We would never do anything physically to anyone. It's just us having fun in the heat of the competition."

Senior David Thompson has attended every Raider football game during his

four years at Shaker and attempts to verbally rattle opposing players each week.

"Me and my friends talk about other players. I think they just ignore us, though. I doubt they're hurt by what we say," Thompson said.

According to Waag, although athletes may wear a "tough guy" facade on the field, damage can be done often.

"Being bashed by fans won't have a huge impact on kids," Waag said.

"But when a parent or spirited fan is all over them, it can lead to great embarrassment and disgust that isn't that visible."

"It is hard to process such vivid emotions, and kids can lose respect for their parents and themselves because of the overstimulation."

According to Athletic Director Susan Brown, the school has no policies against dogmatic parents or fans taking the field in anger.

"The police are responsible for any punishment in a case like that," Brown said.

Though aware of the rules, Brown indicated that she is not overly concerned with raucous behavior from Shaker crowds.

"I'm concerned that this is happening other places," Brown said. "But I don't really worry about it with Shaker crowds."

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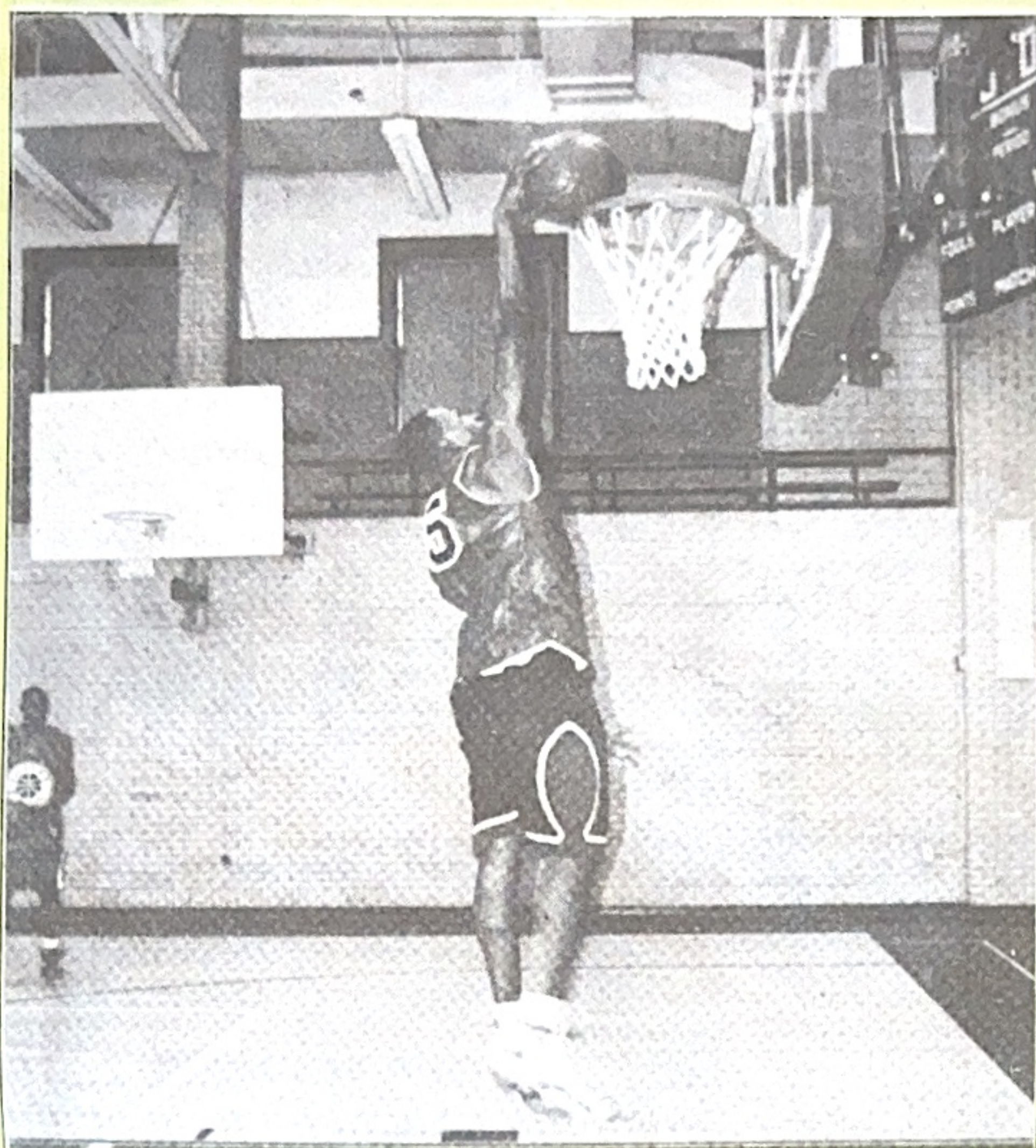




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## NEW HOME FOR HOOPS



Robbie Mark/The Shakerite

"As long as it's ready for most of the season, we don't really care that much," starting point guard Matt Baringer, a senior, said of the renovated North Gymnasium. Because of delays in construction, varsity basketball teams will not play their first home game in new digs. The women's team will inaugurate the new arena Dec. 8 against Cleveland Heights, while the men will tip off against the Tigers Dec. 11. The teams will play in the South Gym in the meantime. Last year, the women finished 14-7 and took second in the LEL. "I'm not too upset about it not being done on time. I'm just happy we're getting a new gym," said senior guard Erin Pope. The men went 23-2 and reached the state title game. "I'm very optimistic about the season," junior small forward Emeka Mbanefo said. "We're just really excited to get in there."

## Fall sports close with a sigh

• Football makes playoffs, field hockey falters

By Jenny Heisler and  
Nicole Majorczyk  
Sports co-editors

The fall sports teams wrapped up their seasons with mixed feelings.

For the first time in five years, the men's cross country team qualified for regionals. They concluded the season 12-6. Women's cross country finished the season 8-8.

The men's soccer team finished stronger than expected, 13-4-2, while the women wrapped up their season 7-8-2.

Volleyball continued to improve, concluding the season 17-7.

The golf team rounded out 12-15 and fifth in the LEL.

Women's tennis had a stellar season, ending 24-4 and clinching the LEL title.

Football advanced to the second round of playoffs, finishing 9-3.

Field hockey faltered in sectional semi-finals and ended their season 10-4-1.



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Kira Muehrcke and the rest of the field hockey team failed to make it to states.

Get pumped for this season by checking out the winter teams.  
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## Raiders collapse at paws of wildcats

• Football squad eliminated by St. Ignatius

By Dan George  
Staff reporter

In the teary aftermath of the football team's season ending loss to St. Ignatius, senior safety Ravi Trivedi summed up the team's emotions in two agonizing words.

"It hurts," said Trivedi, describing the pain of being slashed out of the playoffs by the Wildcats in regional semi-final play for the third consecutive year.

Despite outplaying state ranked St. Ignatius for nearly three quarters and closing the first half with a 14-13 lead, Shaker fell prey to the Wildcats 29-14 in front of a packed house at Byers Field.

The Raiders fielded the opening kickoff at their own 20. After the drive stalled at midfield, punter Jameson Evans pinned the Wildcats deep in their own territory.

The St. Ignatius offense, which averaged 31 points per game in the regular season, offered an imposing defensive challenge. However, coordinator Tim Fello's swarming "Pain Train" bunch put the clamp on the potent Wildcat attack in the first quarter, as cornerbacks Evans and Monteia Goodwin intercepted passes on consecutive possessions.

The Raider offense failed to convert both turnovers into points, however, and at the end of the first quarter the score was deadlocked at 0-0.

In the second quarter, the Wildcats turned to hefty tailback Dan Murphy, who plowed into the endzone for the game's first score with 8:37 left in the half.

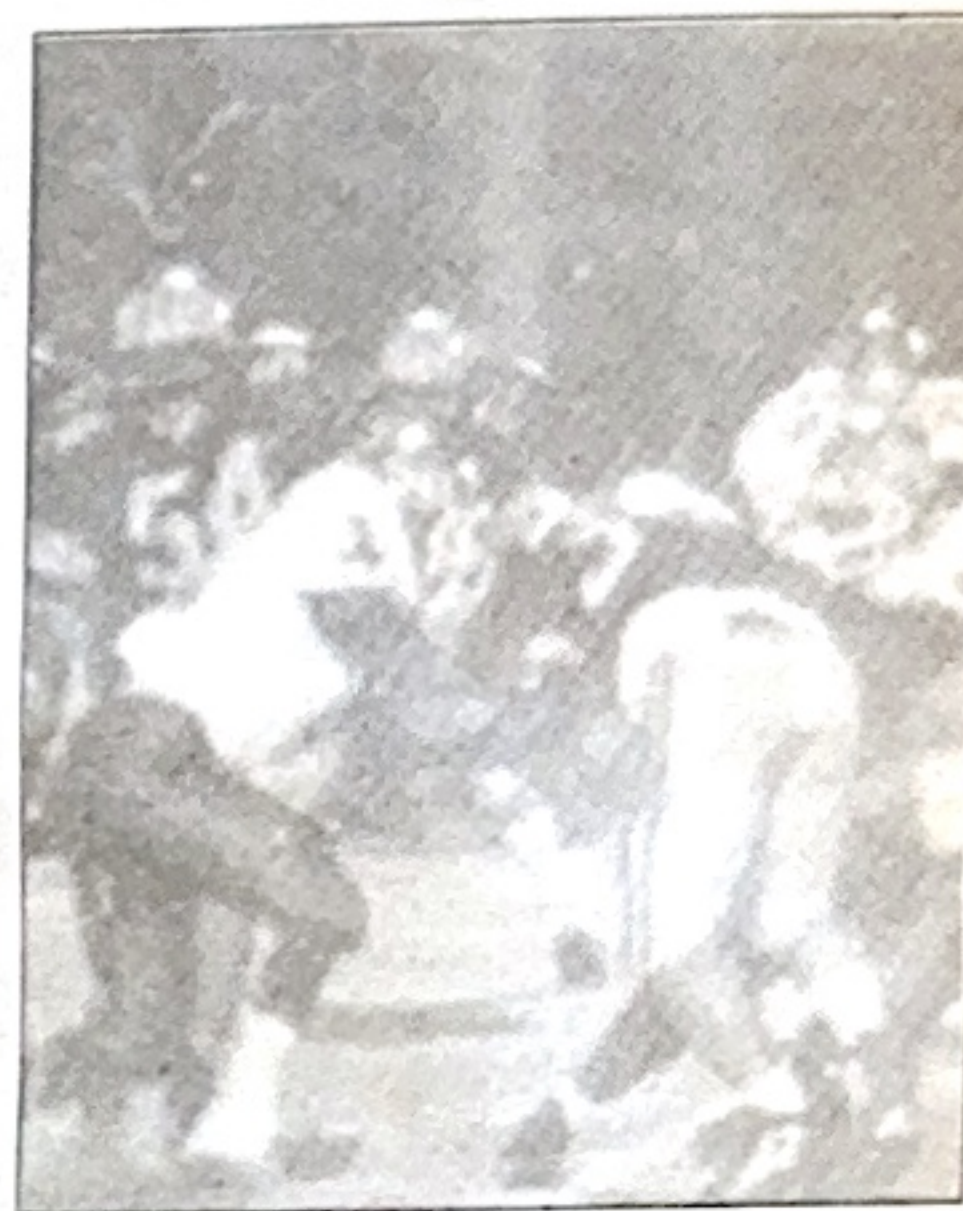
Down 6-0, Raider coach Dave Sedmak needed a quick offensive spark. His solution: give the ball to senior Devan Miller.

Miller rumbled for 76 yards on a screen pass and was finally dragged down at the Wildcat 8. Two plays later, quarterback Jamie Stephens nudged into the endzone on a quarterback keeper, and Ben Woodcock's extra point made the score 7-6 Shaker with 6:54 left in the half.

After the Raider defense forced a punt, Miller scampered 43 yards to the Ignatius 8. A 14-yard fade pass to Evans pushed the score to 14-6, but the celebration was short-lived.

Ignatius struck back with a 53-yard TD pass with 2:55 left in the half. A two-point conversion attempt failed, and both teams retreated to the lockerroom with the Raiders leading 14-12. In Shaker's previous four playoff appearances against Ignatius, no team had hit the half with a lead.

"If we win, the goal posts are coming



David Mayers/The Shakerite

The Raider squad just barely fell to the Wildcats.

down," shouted enthused senior Jeremy Duchon, who bolted through the Shaker crowd at half-time, draped in a Raider flag.

In the second half, as coach Sedmak said afterwards, St. Ignatius Coach Chuck Kyle "brought out his battering ram." The "ram" was tailback Murphy. The 215-pound back chewed up all 44 yards on an Ignatius TD drive, which pushed the score to 20-14.

The second bad bounce drove a nail in the Shaker coffin. A Jameson Evans punt with just over 9 minutes left in the fourth

quarter hopped violently off of the Byers Field AstroTurf careening off the leg of Jhermel Goss. The live ball jumped right into the arms of Ignatius wideout Matt Foran, who bolted 51-yards for a TD.

Despite desperation heaves by Stephens, the Raiders fell 29-14.

Shaker sounded off about being eliminated by the Wildcats for the fourth time in the '90s.

"I'm sick of them," said senior band member Mike

Wilcox. "It's got to have something to do with recruiting."

The loss couldn't dog the 9-3 Raiders, who were consistently labeled weak and soft from the moment workouts began.

According to junior Mark Burden, the team earned respect with their first round playoff victory over Mentor.

"No one believed in us. We had to go out, work hard and earn everything we did," Burden said. "Basically, we shocked the world."

Quarter by Quarter Shaker v Ignatius		
0	1st	0
14	2nd	12
14	3rd	20
14	4th	29

## Unruly fans resort to extreme measures

• Bay Village parent assault on son's soccer opponent raises questions for Shaker athletes

By Dan George  
Staff reporter

Since the dawn of organized competition, athletes have been hazed, taunted and jeered by hostile, sometimes vulgar crowds.

Though this harmless banter has been a basic element of athletic events for ages, a recent assault at a playing field in Northeast

Ohio has raised questions about whether sports crowds are teeming with a dangerous potential for violence.

The incident occurred during a Sept. 25 varsity men's soccer game between Bay Village and Eastlake High. Upon seeing his son entangled with an Eastlake defender, the

father of a Bay player leaped out of the stands, sprinted across the field and tackled the Eastlake teen, wrestling and pinning him to the ground.

Word of the attack crept into nationwide headlines and served as a grim wake-up call for the crowds of America — even prompting Silent Sunday in

Westlake, a day when fans pledged to keep silent while watching their kids play soccer.

The assault has also caught the attention of Shaker fans and athletes.

"I heard about the guy in Bay Village, and it kind of bothered me," said junior Raider quarterback James Stephens. "We play

in front of very rowdy crowds, and I worry that maybe we won't have enough security guards there. There are some crazy fans out there that talk a lot of trash, and I know that some of them would run on the field if they got the chance."

Senior basketball player  
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File photo

Shaker fans have thus far kept their spirit under control.